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PNP claims polls peaceful but 29 dead

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US got AIDS virus from Haiti in 1969, says study

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Poll watchdog wants only 'clean' people in Comelec

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Biofuel sector draws P34B in investments

Love bridges divide between living and dead

By Agnes Prieto
Contributor

WITH UNRELENTING REGULARITY, I LOST the person I loved most every 10 years of my adult life.

Love, however, is not lost, does not die. Many a bereaved person will attest that love bridges the divide between earth and heaven;

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Male drivers feel it's macho to drive fast

GENEVA—YOUNG men drive fast because speed is perceived as being inherently male, a team of Swiss and German researchers claimed in a study released on Monday.

LALO NA KUNG NAKA-TOP DOWN!

MALE / A9

Peso surges to 43.85/$1

Central bank intervenes in market to ease pain of exporters, OFWs

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PESO YESTERDAY broke into the 43 level for the first time in seven years on strong overseas remittances and stock market inflows after a long weekend.

The currency gained 21 centavos and closed at an intra-day peak of 43.85 from Friday's finish of 44.06 to the US dollar.

It was the strongest showing of the peso since touching 43.76 on July 6, 2000.

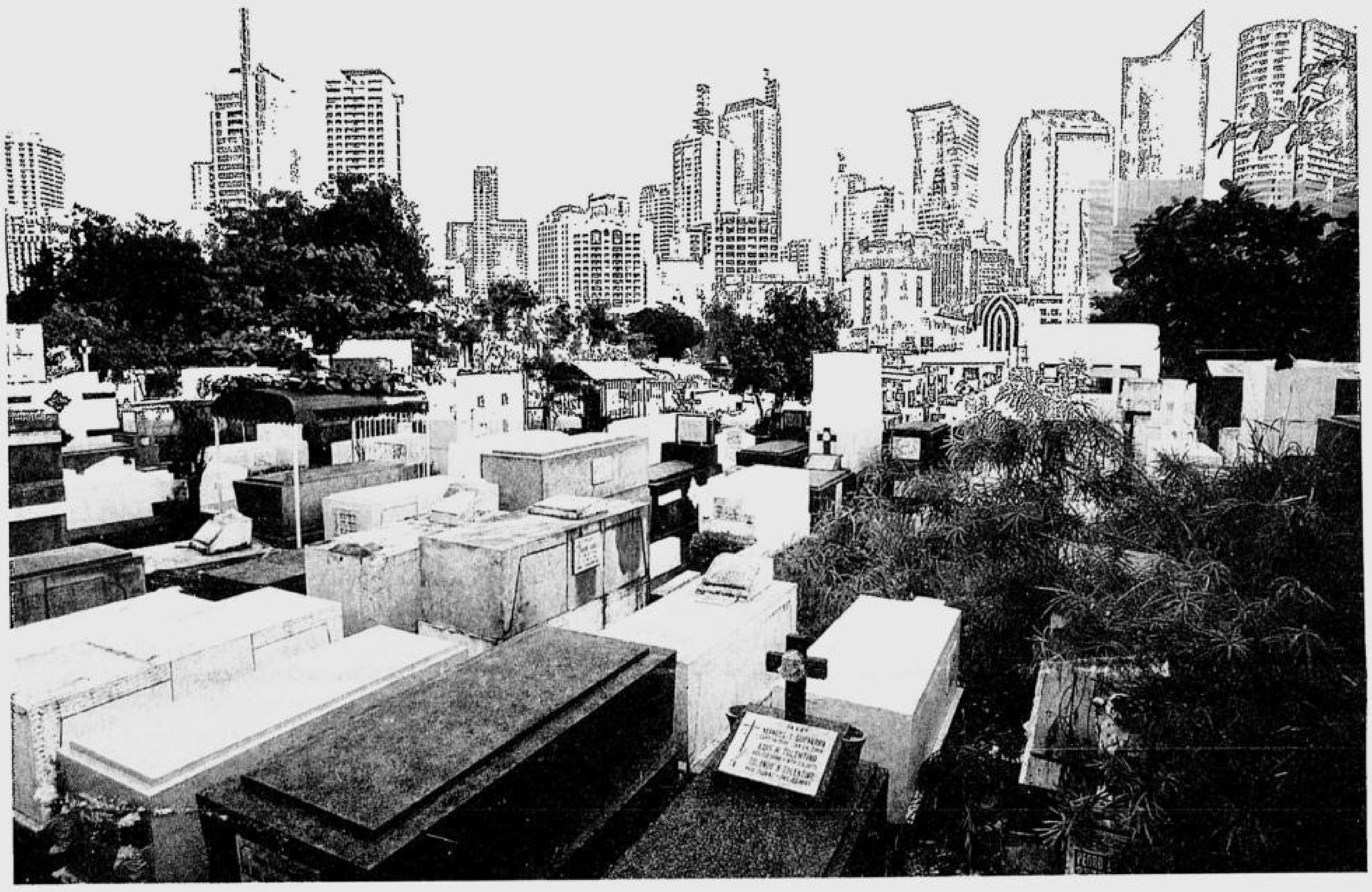
The peso's rally was nevertheless tempered by intervention from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and political jitters.

The peso, the second-best performing currency in Asia after the Indian rupee, has gained 12 percent against the US dollar so far this year from its finish of 49.03 last year.

With the peso expected to strengthen further toward the end of the year due to remittances from overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) for the long Christmas holidays, even exporters were unloading dollars through their banks yesterday, according to currency traders.

Foreign inflows going to Philippine companies offering shares to the public such as Splash Corp., a beauty products manufacturer, also gave the peso a

PESO/ A8



TOMBS WITH A VIEW
At the South Cemetery in Makati City, graves are juxtaposed against the backdrop of the high-rise buildings of the central business district. Tomorrow, Filipinos will troop to the cemeteries to visit the graves of their loved ones.
ROGER MARGALLO

Erap pardon makes lead prosecutor sick

By Volt Contreras

FOR THE LEAD PROSECUTOR WHO spent almost six years building a case against deposed President Joseph Estrada, the recent pardon granted to the convicted plunderer was apparently too much for his mind and body to bear.

"I'm having bouts of insomnia again," former Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo confided, when asked yesterday how he was taking the executive clemency extended by President Macapagal-Arroyo to Estrada just six weeks after his conviction.

"You know, that mix of anger, depression, frustration," Marcelo, who quit the post in September 2006 reportedly for health reasons and has since returned to private law practice, told the INQUIRER in a phone interview from his office in Makati City.

ERAP/ A5

PNP firms up accidental gas explosion theory

By Christine O. Avendaño

CITING "A PREPONDERANCE" OF EVidence, Philippine National Police Director General Avelino Razon yesterday declared that the deadly blast at the Glorietta 2 mall on Oct. 19 was an accidental gas explosion.

The PNP chief also said his office was now ruling out a bomb attack as the cause of the explosion that killed 11 people and injured over 100 others, and that it was winding down its investigation.

"The preponderance of the evidence shows it was an accidental gas explosion," Razon told reporters at Camp Bagong Diwa in Taguig City where he, along with President Macapagal-Arroyo and Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno, attended a training demonstration on antiterrorism by the PNP Special Action Force.

At a press conference in Malacañang, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said he had "asked around" and learned that investigators were sticking to the "septic tank theory."

"So far, that's the [result of the investigation]. There was methane gas that was developed because of the bad construction of the septic tank [in the Glorietta 2 basement]," said Ermita, who arrived yesterday from the United States.

Asked if the Arroyo administration

PNP FIRMS UP/ A7

Abducted militant seeks SC protection

By Leila B. Salaverria

AN URBAN POOR LEADER, WHO WAS allegedly abducted in Cavite and later released by the military, yesterday asked the Supreme Court for a protection order for her and her two daughters under the newly effective writ of amparo.

Lourdes Rubrico, chair of the Ugnayan ng Maralita para sa Gawa at Adhikain Federation, which is affiliated with the party-list group Gabriela, also asked that the Office of the Ombudsman be directed to file kidnapping charges against her abductors and that the Ombudsman be reprimanded for not acting on her complaint quickly enough.

Rubrico, 63, said the 301st Air Intelligence and Security Squadron, based at the Philippine Air Force Field Station at Fernando Air Base in Lipa City, Batangas, should be inspected to determine where she had been detained.

The police and military should also produce their documents about her, and pay her and her daughters Jean Aprouebo and Mary Joy Carbonel P500,000 each for violating their rights and sense of security.

Named respondents were President Macapagal-Arroyo, Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr.,

ABDUCTED/ A17

Cops get primer on how to treat young offenders

By Jocelyn R. Uy

EVEN IF THEY HAVE BLOOD ON their hands or have dealt in illegal drugs, children in conflict with the law should not be accosted with a gun or a truncheon, or be handcuffed.

Their offense and arrest must be explained to them in simple and pleasant words and a trip to a hospital or a clinic, before they are turned over to social workers, is a must.

These and other do's and don't's police officers must keep in mind are incorporated in a five-series primer—the first extensive Filipino language handbook on the Juvenile Justice Welfare Act (Republic Act No. 9344)—which Plan Philippines launched yesterday in Makati City as a culminating activity for Children's Month.

Enacted in 2006, the landmark law aims to protect the rights of youth offenders—those under 18—and keep them out of jail.

Written in simple Filipino terms, the primers highlight the following:

- Young offenders must not be

COPS/ A9

Judiciary flexes muscles on extrajudicial killings

By Leila B. Salaverria

(First of three parts)

I-TEAM Report
The Activist Court
Fernando del Mundo
Chief

THE WOUNDS INFLICTED by chain whips tipped with barbed wire have healed but bad dreams of the torture chambers where they had been taken during 18 months under military captivity rouse them from sleep most nights.

After a daring escape on Aug. 13 while their guards in a Pangasinan detention camp were having a drinking spree, Raymond Manalo, 33, and his brother Reynaldo, 23, are now ensconced in an undisclosed place set up by the Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG).

Life remains difficult for the two, both farmers and charcoal gatherers accused of being guerrillas of the communist New People's Army (NPA) and of murdering a member of the paramilitary Citizen Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu).

Their movements are restricted. They cannot go to church, or meet with friends.

Nightmares about the ordeal the two brothers had undergone persist—the beatings with

JUDICIARY/ A17

Chief Justice Puno: An unlikely revolutionary

PUNO: History lesson

By Fernando del Mundo

AS A YOUNG LAWYER, REYNATO Puno was part of the solicitor general's panel that defended before the Supreme Court President Ferdinand Marcos' political moves that put the nation under dictatorial rule.

I remember one tragic hearing four months after martial law was

CHIEF/ A17

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'Name people above fray to Comelec'

Poll watchdog asks Palace not to appoint politicians to poll body

By Beverly T. Natividad and Christine O. Avendaño

THE CHURCH-BASED POLL WATCHDOG PARISH Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) has asked Malacañang not to appoint anyone involved in politics to the vacant posts in the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

In an interview, PPCRV chair Henrietta de Villa said that appointees to the Comelec, which is an independent constitutional body, must be above politics and nonpartisan since they would be in charge of the country's electoral process.

On Monday, acting Comelec Chair Resurreccion Z. Borra disclosed Malacañang's list of possible appointees to the four vacant seats.

The list included former President Joseph Estrada's lawyer Rene Saguisag, Estrada's spokesperson and Cagayan de Oro Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, former Sen. Wigberto Tañada, former University of the East law school dean and government corporate counsel Amado Valdez, Comelec law department director Alioden Dalaig, PPCRV chief legal counsel Howard Calleja and agriculturist Severo L. Maluenda.

Borra said the Office of the President Search Committee (OPSC) sent him a letter seeking the Comelec's comments on the potential appointees.

"The one who made this list should do away with nominating anyone in active politics," said De Villa.

De Villa said that while those on Malacañang's list were all "qualified and good men," the PPCRV would still prefer a selection process from which it could see how these men rate.

Palace officials, however, issued conflicting statements on the list.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita yesterday denied Malacañang had sent a shortlist to the Comelec.

Ermita told reporters he could not recall signing any communication about some people being considered to fill the vacancies at the Comelec.

But earlier in the day, Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno had said the shortlist came from the Palace and included nominees from the opposition.

"We're open to any faction in the opposition," Puno said, adding that the shortlist was given to the Comelec two weeks ago.

Borra also confirmed that the list came from the Palace, but clarified that the Oct. 19 letter containing the list of nominees was signed by Undersecretary Enrique Perez of the OPSC, not by Ermita.

The PPCRV, however, is proposing a selection process similar to that of the Judicial and Bar Council of the Philippines which recommends appointees to the Supreme Court.

This, De Villa said, would be the more transparent way of choosing appointees to the poll body. *With Christian V. Esguerra and Jocelyn R. Uy*

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GMA-Erap alliance possible – Ermita

By Michael Lim Ubac and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EDuardo Ermita yesterday raised the possibility of a political alliance between President Macapagal-Arroyo and deposed President Joseph Estrada following her decision to free the convicted plunderer.

Ermita said on his return from the United States, where he defended the administration's human rights record, that he expected a "realignment of forces," specifically the "forces of President Estrada going along with the President."

He said such a marriage of political forces would be crucial to not only putting an end to bickering but also uplifting the lives of poor Filipinos.

"We can't belittle the popularity and influence of President Estrada on his supporters," Ermita said. But he said a government post for Estrada at this point was not in order because it would only confirm the suspicion that there were strings attached to the pardon.

Opposition senators are reserving their judgement on Estrada despite fears he has wavered in his anti-administration stance.

"Let's give him some time to adjust and give his side of the story," said Sen. Francis Escudero, who insisted that this was the dominant stand in the opposition. "We in the opposition should not react to divide and conquer tactics of the administration so quickly and easily," he said.

Sen. Panfilo Lacson remained confident Estrada's departure from the opposition's ranks would not divide the anti-Arroyo forces.

"Even if she gets the full support of Erap, somebody will emerge from the opposition who is stronger and more stable to fight for what is right and to correct the wrong things done by the Arroyo administration," said Lacson.

Sen. Richard Gordon continued to attack the grant of executive clemency to Estrada, saying the move was the "nadir of the corruption of our values."

"We have been practically marginalized by men and women who lost their moral moorings," he said. "Everyone from the military to the church to the academe to politicians is tainted."

Sen. Francis Pangilinan said there was a need to "redraw political lines" between "forces representing politics as usual and forces that represent politics of performance, principles and conviction."

Tutors decry nonpayment of election allowance

TWO DAYS AFTER THE BARANgay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections, many public school teachers have yet to receive their poll duty pay, the Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) said.

"Hundreds of thousands of teachers rendered invaluable service, ensuring the success of the barangay and SK polls. Ironically, many have not yet received a single centavo as compensation for their work," said ACT chair Antonio Tinio as he assailed the Commission on Elections for letting the teachers down yet again.

Tinio told reporters teachers from Caloocan, Malabon, Muntinlupa, Parañaque, Pasay, Pasig, Valenzuela in Metro Manila, and San Jose del Monte and Meycauayan in Bulacan had not yet received compensation.

A memorandum of agreement between the Comelec and the Department of Education provides that teachers serving in the Oct. 29 polls would receive a P3,000 honorarium and a P500 transportation allowance.

Half of the amount was to be paid upon the issuance of election paraphernalia and the balance upon the return of the poll materials.

Acting Comelec Chair Resurreccion Borra told reporters the money for the teachers was disbursed by the Department of Budget and Management to the municipal treasurers over the weekend.

He said the DBM had disbursed some P466 million to cover the transportation of the teachers assigned to election duty on Oct. 29.

Tinio said the teachers also complained about the drastically reduced poll pay.

In the past two elections, teachers received a P3,000 honorarium for election duties but this time the Comelec said it could afford to pay only P1,000.

ACT also denounced the alleged "harassment suffered by many teachers in the National Capital Region during the counting and canvassing of votes."

"Many teachers were detained by poll candidates and their supporters, preventing them from leaving school premises to turn over election paraphernalia to the Comelec," the group said.

ACT cited the case of teachers who served in 47 precincts at Urduja Elementary School in Caloocan City, who were "only allowed to leave the school premises at 12:30 a.m. (Tuesday), five hours after they had finished counting the votes."

"Similar incidents took place at Bagong Pag-asa, Fairview and Placido del Mundo elementary schools in Quezon City; Baclaran Elementary School in Parañaque; Imelda Elementary School in Malabon, and Silangan Elementary School in Taguig," said Tinio. *Jerry E. Esplanada and Beverly T. Natividad*

Papal envoy here tomorrow

NEWLY APPOINTED PAPAL NUNCIO to the Philippines Archbishop Edward Joseph Adams is arriving on Nov. 1.

Adams, who was named to the post by Pope Benedict XVI on Sept. 3, last served in Zimbabwe.

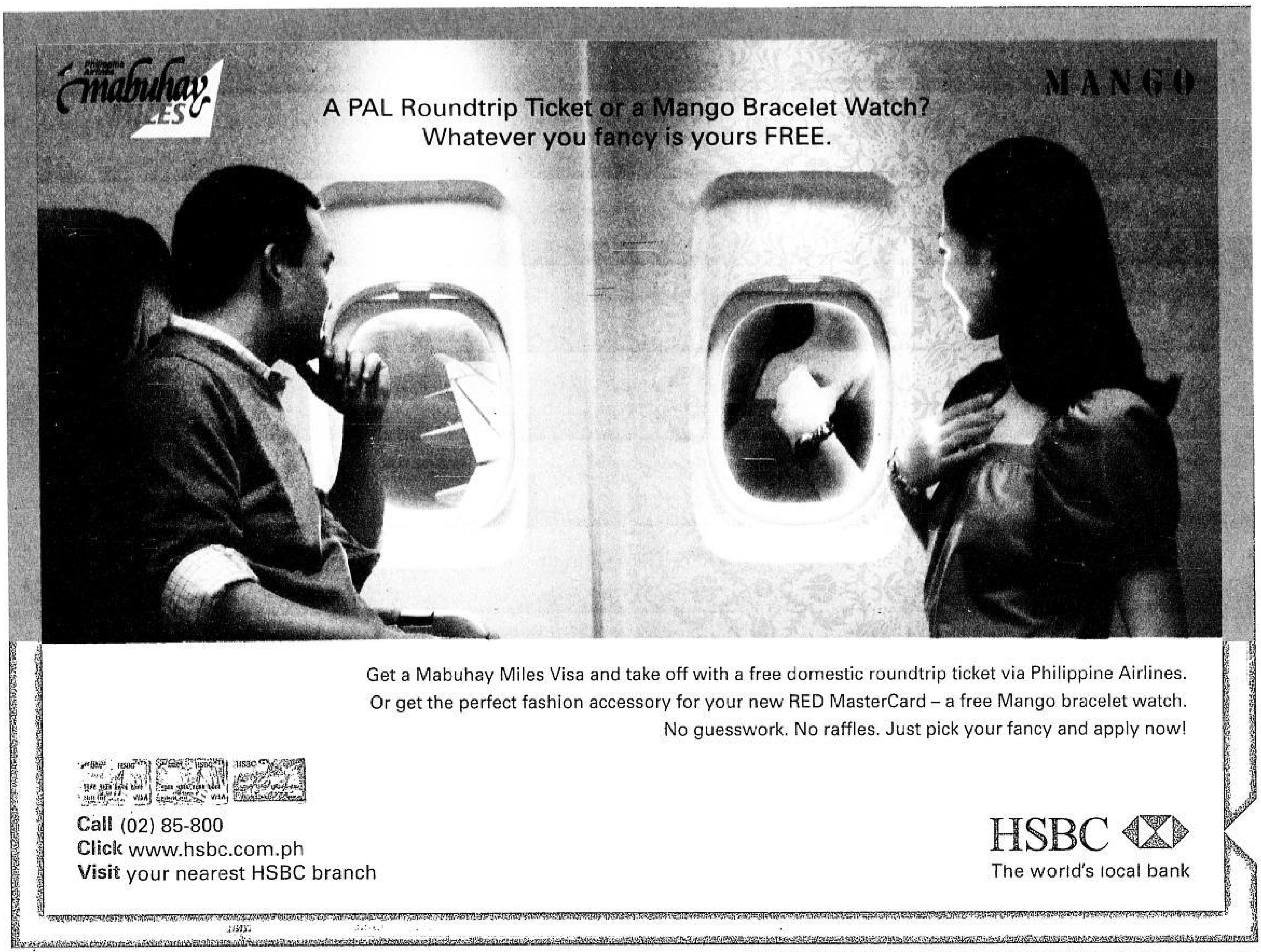
A papal nuncio or apostolic nuncio is the permanent diplomatic representative of the Pope to a state or international organization.

Adams replaced Archbishop Fernando Filoni who was appointed Substitute of the Vatican Secretariat of State in June.

The new papal envoy, the 15th apostolic nuncio to the Philippines, was born in Philadelphia, USA, on Aug. 24, 1944. He was ordained a priest in 1970.

In a letter to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, Adams said, "As I prepare to come to the Philippines my only wish is that I may be of service to the Church, as I seek to represent worthily among you our Holy Father, whose ministry is essentially one of love."

Beverly T. Natividad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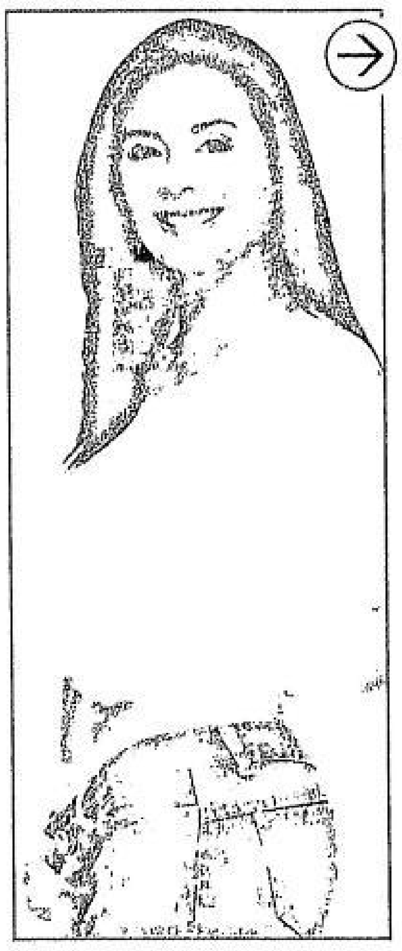
Goodbye Lipo, Hello Ultrashape!

Ultrashape – Lipo Without The Suction continues to make waves in the slimming industry since its official launch in Manila early last year. Tagged as the first non-invasive breakthrough in body contouring, Ultrashape uses an ultrasound beam to breakdown and liquefy fats from outside the body. Promising an average reduction of about 2cm in just one treatment, it effectively reduces fat deposits on multiple body areas such as the tummy, flanks and thighs.

A small amount of fat reduction is just not worth undergoing surgery for. Liposuction usually involves massive body contouring, and is often not recommended when only a few inches of fat have to be removed. Thus, for the majority of people who only need a few touch-ups, Ultrashape offers a much safer alternative. It gives the benefits of liposuction without the risks or side effects, surgical scars and downtime. The result: Smooth, even and shapely curves you can flaunt even without your clothes on!

Due to its increasing popularity, demand for Ultrashape is high often resulting to fully booked appointment schedules from its growing roster of clients. These women have testified – they have finally found the best alternative to liposuction!



Dawn Zulueta-Lagdameo, 38

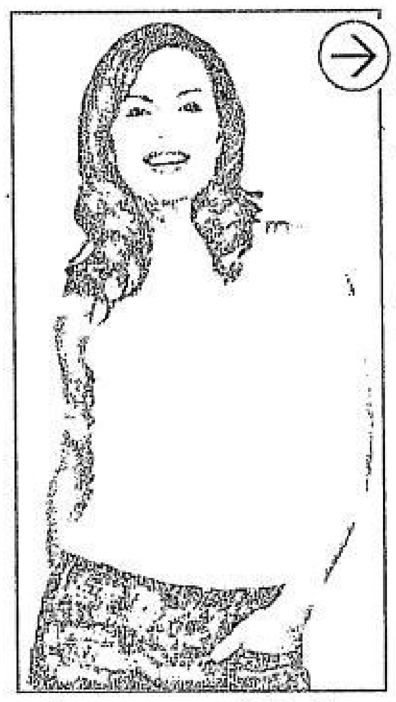
"When Ultrashape was offered to me, I was excited! Ultrashape concentrates on that last hard-to-lose fat that remains in your body even after you've lost weight. I told myself, at last, there was a chance to lose all that stubborn fat that just wouldn't seem to go away. The doctor explained that Ultrashape destroys the fat cells in the targeted areas like my stomach and thighs. From there, the fat is metabolized and burned naturally by my body as energy. The treatment takes an hour and a half and is done once a month.

Ultrashape is really the perfect finishing touch for people like me who have lost weight but still have some lumps and bumps. After my first treatment, I immediately said to myself 'wow, it's perfect!' Ultrashape definitely has all the benefits of lipo minus the surgery and all the risks! There's no downtime whatsoever. So you see, liposuction is unnecessary."

Lyn Ching-Pascual, 34

"What intrigued me about Ultrashape is the claim – the easy treatment you can have in your lunch break. Apart from that, a friend of mine said that her friend tried Ultrashape as soon as it came out in the market. And she immediately lost 2 inches in just one month! Ultrashape promises an average of about 2cm, that's true, but it's also possible for someone to lose even more than that too. That's why for me, even if liposuction was the only weight-loss treatment available, I'd rather walk up a building 100 times than have an operation because I don't want the possibility of dying for vanity.

With Ultrashape around, everyone now gets a better slimming option. Since it's non-invasive, I've got nothing to worry about. After trying it firsthand, I was like, 'Is this real?!' I just walked in, got the treatment and after an hour, I was on my way back to work again! It's as if nothing happened. The best part was, I could feel my tummy flatten only after a few weeks! No doubt it's the perfect way to trim down excess fats!"



Cristina Gonzalez-Romualdez, 42

"Nothing really compares to Ultrashape. When I tried it, I immediately lost 4cm in my tummy after only 1 session! Imagine what a couple of sessions more can do! Diet pills and crash dieting don't work for me. With my catering and events business, I can't just turn my back from tasting and savoring my own menus. More so, if it's lipo we're going to compare Ultrashape with, lipo doesn't even come close to it as far as safety is concerned. Besides, with Ultrashape around, why would anyone still want to settle for liposuction?! I must be very desperate or I must be so fat that I could no longer move before I'd consider getting it done. I just find it too dangerous!"

Undeniably, Marie France's Ultrashape is solid proof that the trends in slimming now slant towards the approach that's safer yet as effective. After going through a weight-loss program, it is highly recommended to continue with Ultrashape treatments right after. It's the best final touch-up in getting rid of remaining stubborn fats in the body. For booking schedules, call Marie France now at 894-BODY (2639); Cebu (032) 233-7637; Pampanga (045) 961-2981.

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Cash sits in safe while Pampanga gov awaits probe

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Pampanga Gov. Eddie Panlilio said he would wait for the outcome of a congressional investigation into the funds handed out to officials in Malacañang before deciding whether to return it to the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) which claimed it distributed the money.

"I feel we will wait for the congressional hearing," Panlilio told the INQUIRER on Tuesday.

The P500,000 in cash Panlilio's chief of staff was handed by Bulacan Gov. Joselito Mendoza after a governors' meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo at the Palace was in the provincial government's safe, he said.

Mendoza had reported receiving two gift bags containing P500,000 each from a woman in a room beside the meeting venue.

He said Interior Undersecretary Austere Panadero, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. official Edward Plaza and a man he did not know were also in the room.

'Symbol of illegal handouts'

"We will [keep] it [the money] for now. I feel it has become a symbol of illegal handouts and corruption that has to stop in Philippine society," Panlilio said.

Unlike Panlilio, Mendoza said he would not wait for the congressional inquiry.

"*Sabi sa akin* for barangay projects (I was told it was for barangay projects). We will use it for that purpose *'pag* clear *na lahat* (when everything is clear)," Mendoza said when asked why he had not returned the money to the LPP.

The P500,000 Mendoza received has been placed in the capitol's trust fund, he said.

Palawan Gov. Joel Reyes, LPP spokesperson, and Eastern Samar Gov. Ben Evardone, LPP secretary general, had said the money handed to first-term governors in Malacañang had come from the league's capability-building program fund.

But several governors said they did not know such a program existed nor did they receive any funds from it during their first terms.

Panlilio had questioned why it took Reyes and Evardone nearly two weeks to reveal where the money had come from, after a full-blown controversy had erupted around President Macapagal-Arroyo. He also questioned why he was not issued a receipt for the money.

He said Reyes cancelled a scheduled Oct. 24 meeting with him in Pampanga and had not replied to a proposed meeting in Makati City this week.

"Let the appropriate body look into this. Meanwhile, I will focus more on governance and the delivery of services. There is so much to do in Pampanga," Panlilio said.

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Ermita: No rift, no clue on Malacañang dole

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EDUARDO ERMITA was kept in the dark about the cash that was dispensed to legislators and governors in Malacañang following a meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo on Oct. 11.

Ermita told a televised press conference yesterday he knew nothing about the P200,000 to P500,000 that was distributed allegedly by the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP).

Ermita said he did not approve of money being distributed in Malacañang regardless of who or what was behind it.

"My golly, think about it, to do it right here in Malacañang, why, what for?" he said in English and Filipino.

"But the thing is that I really never knew about it," he said, adding that if he had been consulted he would not have approved it.

Ermita denied rumors of a rift between him and Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno, who is also the acting presidential political adviser, over the incident.

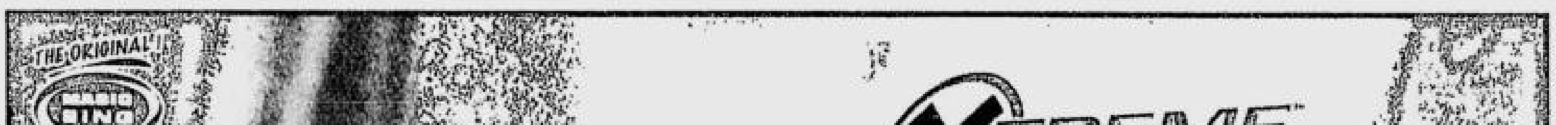
"To put everything to rest, don't easily believe rumors. It's not true. I'm still around. I'm glad where I am. I'm just doing my job as a public servant," said Ermita, who had just returned from a week-long trip to the United States.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye served as acting executive secretary during Ermita's absence. Ermita's sudden departure on Oct. 21 fueled speculation that he was on his way out because of differences with Puno.

Malacañang said Ermita flew to New York on an "official trip ... to meet with officials of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights."

It said Ermita's mission was to "personally update UN officials on government efforts in dealing with" the issue of extrajudicial killings in the Philippines.

Ermita earlier denounced the "misinformation" about him and Puno which he said was aimed at sowing discord among members of the Cabinet to give the impression that the administration was in disarray. He said he was sticking with the President. *Michael Lim Ubac*



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'JDV, son showed me no respect'

RETIRED ARMY COMMANDER Lt. Gen. Jaime de los Santos felt he was "disrespected" by Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. and his son, Jose III (Joey), when the two linked him to an alleged slay plot against them.

In a phone interview, De los Santos said the claim that a contract had been taken out on the lives of the De Venecias had come from them, not him.

"When you are invited to a house as a guest, you trust that you will be treated with respect. But no, they disrespected me by putting words in my mouth. That theory (of a slay plot) actually came from them, not me," he said.

Joey de Venecia went to Makati City police headquarters last week to file a complaint against Transportation and Communication Secretary Leandro Mendoza, Land Transportation Assistant Secretary Reynaldo Berroya and Bureau of Corrections chief Ricardo Dapat for purportedly hatching a plan to "liquidate" him and his father.

Joey pointed to De los Santos as the source of the information. De los Santos is a member of Philippine Military Academy Class of 1969, to which Mendoza and Berroya also belong.

While he did not deny going to the elder De Venecia's house, De los Santos said he did so on the former's invitation to discuss the Speaker's "moral recovery" program.

Earlier, on Oct. 16, De los Santos, now a professor at the University of the Philippines, said he met Joey de Venecia at a symposium at UP where the latter spoke about the cancelled $329-million National Broadband Network (NBN) deal.

"I told him Secretary Mendoza was my classmate, and he said, 'Sir, I was informed that I should be fearing Secretary Mendoza [more] than (resigned Commission on Elections) Chair (Benjamin) Abalos,'" De los Santos said.

"That statement came from the mouth of De Venecia himself and not from me, and that was the first time I met him," De los Santos said.

On Oct. 19, De los Santos said he was told by lawyer Raul Lambino the Speaker wanted to see him to discuss his moral recovery program.

De los Santos said Joey de Venecia arrived later and told him he was going to the police to report the slay plot.

"So I said that it was his right and prerogative [to do so] as a citizen," De los Santos said. *Riza T. Olchondra*

Corrections

IN THE OCT. 26 ISSUE, a front-page article—"JDV son says GMA behind ZTE deal"—erroneously attributed to Commission on Higher Education Chair Romulo Neri the following statement: "Secretary Neri's response to that was, *'Ma'am, hindi po ako ganong klaseng tao.'* It was only at this point that the President said that *'Huwag mo nang tanggapin pero i-approve mo ang project.'*" The statement was made by businessman Jose de Venecia III during the Senate hearing on Oct. 25.

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IN THE OCT. 27 ISSUE, a headline on Page A7—"BID stops Naia escort racket"—misstated the acronym for the Bureau of Immigration. The agency's acronym is BI—not BID.

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IN THE OCT. 29 ISSUE, the front-page banner story—"Estrada backs away from GMA-quit call"—misstated the year when the "Hello Garci" controversy rocked the Arroyo presidency. The controversy reached its height in 2005—not last year.

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IN THE SAME ISSUE, Ramon J. Farolan's Reveille column on Page A15 of the Opinion section—"An Indian-American wins in the Deep South"—misspelled the name of an Asian country. The country's name is Afghanistan—not Afganistan.

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Members of the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC) rally in front of the statue of Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. on Ayala Avenue in Makati City to protest President Macapagal-Arroyo's pardon of convicted plunderer Joseph Estrada. REM ZAMORA

Erap ...

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"You worked so hard for so long (to win a conviction) and when you did win you had that feeling of relief and thought that the system worked," he said.

"But then after one and half months you find the administration of the judicial system being undermined and short-circuited," Marcelo said.

"Why so soon?" he wondered aloud in Filipino.

On Monday, Marcelo and 20 other private lawyers who assisted the public prosecutors in the Estrada plunder trial for free issued a joint statement vehemently opposing the pardon.

"Is this a conspiracy between the two Presidents against the interest of the Filipino people, a negation of what would have otherwise been a resounding victory in the Filipinos' fight against graft and corruption?" the lawyers asked.

Marcelo clarified yesterday that he and the lawyers were merely airing their suspicion that a deal had been sealed between Ms Arroyo and Estrada.

Signs of a deal

But when asked what he thought would be the "signs" that such a deal had been reached, Marcelo remarked:

"When you start seeing the opposition dividing, when the impeachment complaint (against the President) fails to gain support from those identified with Estrada, that's when you can have a basis to insinuate (that there was a conspiracy).

As a member of the prosecution panel, Marcelo first became Estrada's courtroom tormentor in December 2001 in his aborted impeachment trial.

Shortly after Estrada's ouster, President Arroyo appointed Marcelo solicitor general in Febuary 2001 and then Ombudsman in October 2002, succeeding the retiring Aniano Desierto. By then Estrada's plunder trial had been under way in the Sandiganbayan antigraft court.

Mock funeral procession

Civil society members, garbed in black and carrying a cardboard coffin, marched down Ayala Avenue in Makati City's central business district yesterday to pronounce justice dead with Estrada's pardon.

"I would have been somewhat happy if he at least spent one day in prison," said Lauro Vizconde of the Volunteers against Crime and Corruption during the mock funeral procession.

Vizconde, whose family was killed in a gruesome massacre in 1991, was joined by about 30 other demonstrators, including lawyer Leonard de Vera of the No Pardon for Erap Movement.

"The worse part is his attitude. He has shown no remorse at all and has insisted on his innocence," De Vera said.

The group assembled near the Makati Central Fire Station on Gil Puyat Avenue and began their march at past 10 a.m., carrying Philippine flags, placards and streamers denouncing the Estrada pardon.

Some of the placards read: "Jaywalking penalty: fine and jail. Plunder penalty: pardon. Wow, only in the Philippines," "Justice died on Oct. 26," "Free all 70-year-olds like Erap," and "No act of contrition from Erap: Why grant pardon?"

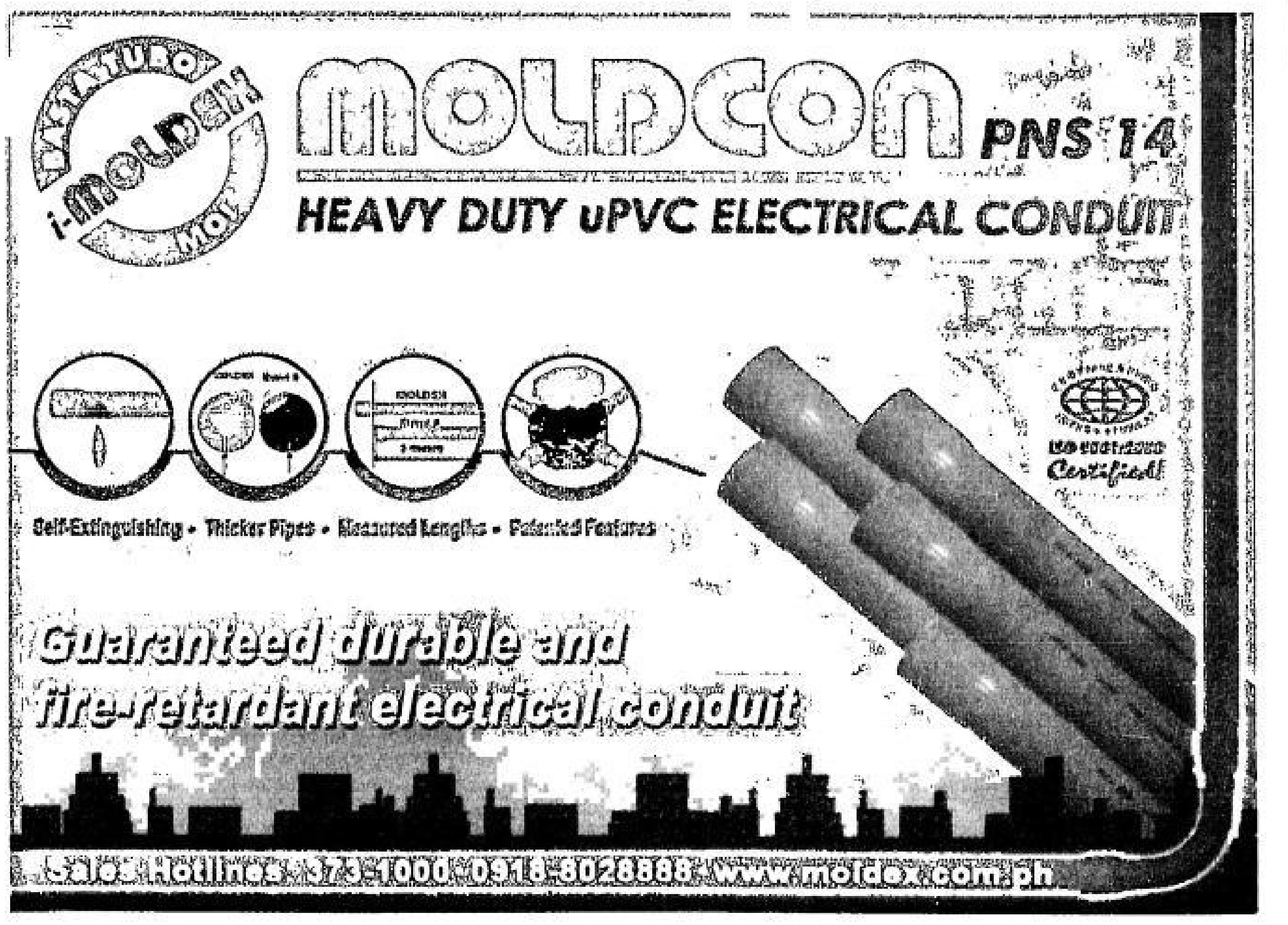
Diminished stature

Cagayan de Oro Rep. Rufus Rodriguez yesterday said the pardon to Estrada "would certainly lessen his stature as the leader of the opposition."

"He had always been declaring that he was innocent. I would have preferred that he continued as an uncompromised, de facto leader of the opposition," said Rodriguez, spokesperson of Estrada's Puwersa ng Masang Pilipino.

Anakpawis Rep. Crispin Beltran said Estrada "should take a more defined stand and prove that he has not capitulated to the administration."

"It could well be that he is still hoping to regain control over all the assets, stocks, shares and even mansions that were sequestered by the government when he was arrested and charged with plunder," Beltran said. *With reports from DJ Yap and Christian V. Esguerra*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More than 1,000 tutors have TB, DepEd reveals

By Jerry E. Esplanada

MORE THAN 1,000 PUBLIC SCHOOL teachers are afflicted with tuberculosis or TB, according to the Health and Nutrition Center of the Department of Education.

HNC director Thelma Santos, however, said "the situation has improved lately."

She recalled that "during the mid-1990s, the number of teachers suffering from TB reached over 2,000."

The DepEd is "closely monitoring the health condition of the teacher-patients," Santos told the INQUIRER.

She pointed out that "unlike in the past, the center's TB case findings are now more extensive. The HNC's advocacy program has also improved."

Of the 150,000-plus DepEd personnel who underwent chest X-rays in the first six months of the year, at least 1,821 showed "lesions suggestive of TB," said an HNC report.

At least 642 of more than 1,000 TB-positive teachers underwent treatment.

There were no deaths reported, according to the HNC mid-year accomplishment report.

Financial assistance

The DepEd earlier signed a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Health which called for free medical treatment for teachers with TB.

"In the provinces, municipal and city health offices are handling their treatment. They're also given free medicines," said Santos.

In Metro Manila, teacher-patients can go to the Teachers' Pavilion of the Quezon Institute, located at the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office complex on Eulogio Rodriguez Avenue in Quezon City.

The DepEd is currently renovating the Teachers' Pavilion "in close coordination with the Philippine Tuberculosis Society and the Philippine Public School Teachers Association," which owns the property.

The 20-bed pavilion, which also handles cardiac disease and diabetes, among other health problems, gets an annual allocation of P1 million from the DepEd.

More help for teachers

The pavilion's renovation is part of the department's "thrust to deliver health services to both teaching and non-teaching personnel of the DepEd," noted Education Secretary Jesli A. Lapus.

Lapus stressed the need to "take care of the well-being of our teachers because the state of their health directly affects the performance of our students."

The DepEd also plans to provide financial assistance to TB-positive teachers.

"Teachers who are sick with TB are required to go on leave for a long period of time. And they do not get any pay while on leave," Santos pointed out.

But Undersecretary Teodosio Sangil "is working on this. We're pushing for a leave with pay program for TB-positive teachers. Substitute teachers will temporarily take their place while they're on leave," Santos said.

Meanwhile, the DepEd continues to help teachers in areas hit by typhoons and other disasters "recover from physical, emotional or psychological trauma."

In Bicol alone, nearly 9,000 teachers and non-teaching personnel took part in what the department calls "psycho-social intervention programs."

Resource persons from the National Center for Mental Health and the National Center for Disease Prevention and Control of the health department, as well as HNC staff conducted the training program.

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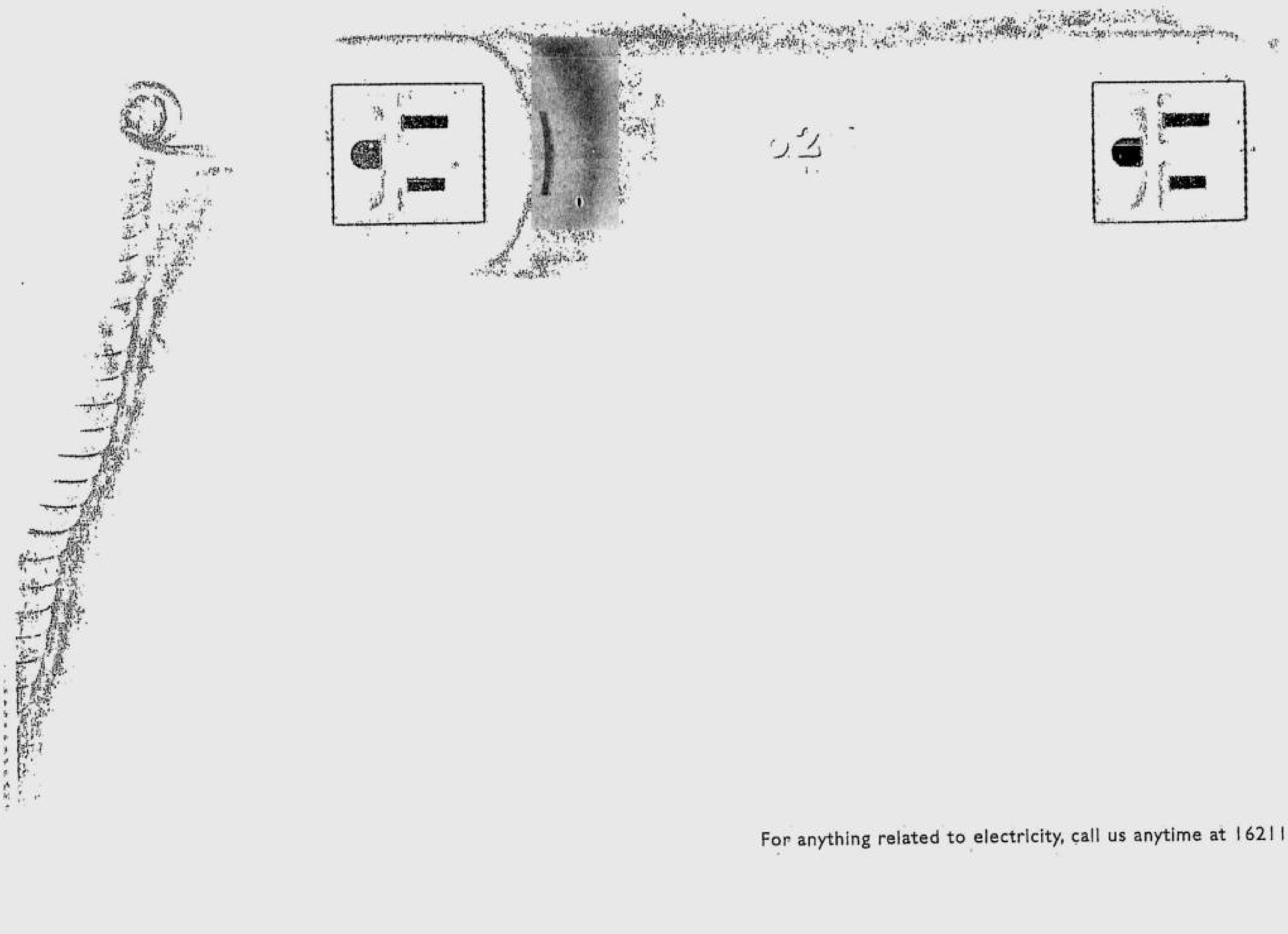

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GMA reaching out to Chavit, says Palace

By Christine O. Avendaño

MALACAÑANG IS REACHING out to Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson who has threatened to break away from President Macapagal-Arroyo for pardoning convicted plunder Joseph Estrada.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita yesterday said he was "very sure" that President Macapagal-Arroyo would not allow things to worsen with Singson.

"For the sake of unity and harmony, especially with allies, the President will not allow this thing to happen," Ermita told reporters.

"It's safe to say that the President is doing something to reach out to Governor Singson," he added, saying he would not be surprised if Ms Arroyo had already made such a move.

Ermita pointed out that Singson was a "very important political personality ... a political leader of note."

Singson returned to his province yesterday in a festive mood. He was accompanied by boxing icon Manny Pacquiao.

Asked about the Estrada case, Singson said: "I am studying carefully my next steps so wait for it."

The star witness in the plunder case against Estrada said that when he heard that the former President had been pardoned, "*Parang ibinasura na kaming lahat* (We felt that we were dumped)," he said.

"I am very sad. The case could have given us a good lesson, but in the end, [all our efforts] went [to] naught," Singson said.

He said he felt sad because of the pardon's impact on the country's judicial system.

"Why did we make the plunder law when we will not follow it?" he said.

Singson apologized to all people who helped in building the case against Estrada and helping in his prosecution.

He cited his secretary, Marilyn Perez, who was gunned down in Manila in 2005. Singson said among Perez's job was to coordinate with witnesses in Estrada's plunder case.

PNP firms up accidental ...

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was finally ruling out terrorism as the motive, he said: "As you know, I am the chairman of the Anti-Terrorism Council. *Harinawa na hindi dun pumunta sa* terrorism, *at sa akin ang tama nyan* (Hopefully, the investigation will not point toward a terror attack because I will be blamed)."

But Dr. Giovanni Tapang, national chair of the activist scientist group Agham (or Samahan ng Nagtataguyod ng Agham at Teknolohiya para sa Sambayanan), said an independent inquiry should be carried out to pursue all angles.

"[Such an inquiry will] give the public a credible explanation for the blast," Tapang said in a statement.

Fatal combination

Razon said he had informed Ms Arroyo of the findings that hewed to the PNP theory—that a combination of methane gas from sewage pipes and diesel fumes from a tank, both located in the mall basement, had triggered the explosion.

"Those are the findings based on the evidence and facts that were gathered at the scene," Razon said.

Earlier, the Glorietta owner, Ayala Land Inc. (ALI), said the conditions at the basement could not have led to such a massive blast.

But according to Razon, foreign experts who helped the PNP in the investigation are backing its findings.

He said the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Australian Federal Police and Israeli bomb experts were submitting their reports with similar findings.

He also said Chief Supt. Luisito Ticman, who headed the inquiry into the explosion, was collating the reports that he expected to receive "in a few days."

Chain of events

Asked whether the findings meant that ALI would be held liable for the explosion, Razon said: "That is another matter that we will look into based on the conclusion of the investigators."

But Agham's Tapang said the investigators should be able to explain the chain of events: If it was a gas explosion, how was the methane blast triggered? And how did the diesel tank figure in the explosion?

He said that "since Day 1," government officials had been "putting their own spin to the blast without presenting solid evidence."

Tapang said National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales and other officials were "quick to pounce on the terrorism angle, while the PNP theories ranged from a diesel tank to the current methane gas explosion."

"All their subsequent statements have lost credibility" because of "their shooting-from-the-hip pronouncements," he said.

On the other hand, Tapang said, "there is still the RDX finding ... that has yet to be explained."

He was referring to the early statement of the head of the PNP Crime Laboratory's chemistry division that investigators had found traces of RDX—a major component of the controlled military explosive C4—at the site.

"If we follow the PNP explanation that RDX is found even in ordinary aerosols, why is it being used to flag C4 use and why was it significant enough to be detected by the PNP chemist? These questions need to be clarified," Tapang said.

He added: "To avoid the confusion brought about by the conflicting theories of the police and the government, an independent probe should be done to pursue all angles and explain the explosion. It should involve independent scientists and engineers that can offer their expertise in solving the blast."

'Hopefully ...'

Ermita said the investigation had not yielded any trace of a bomb attack.

"So all I said, hopefully, that's the truth," he said, stressing that if an "explosive device" were involved, "that will have a major political repercussion."

"Imagine, foreign investors will be scared that Makati or Manila had been bombed. But I hope we can prove eventually the theory about the septic blast," he said.

On Oct. 23, senior government officials expressed "a high level of certainty" that the explosion was an accident.

Speaking with reporters after a meeting of the National Security Council, Puno said authorities had yet to make a conclusion on the cause of the blast, which was why the terrorism angle was still being studied.

"[But] I'm confident that's where we are headed because ... the reports that I have seen will give you a very high confidence level on the accuracy of their conclusion that it is in fact an accidental explosion," Puno said.

He pointed out that RDX was also found in aerosol and deodorants, which explained its presence in the area.

Razon and Gonzales echoed Puno's remarks.

Gonzales cited the "high certainty" that the explosion was "a failure [in] public safety."

Razon said it was an "accidental gas explosion" based on "facts at the scene." *With a report from Michael Lim Ubac*

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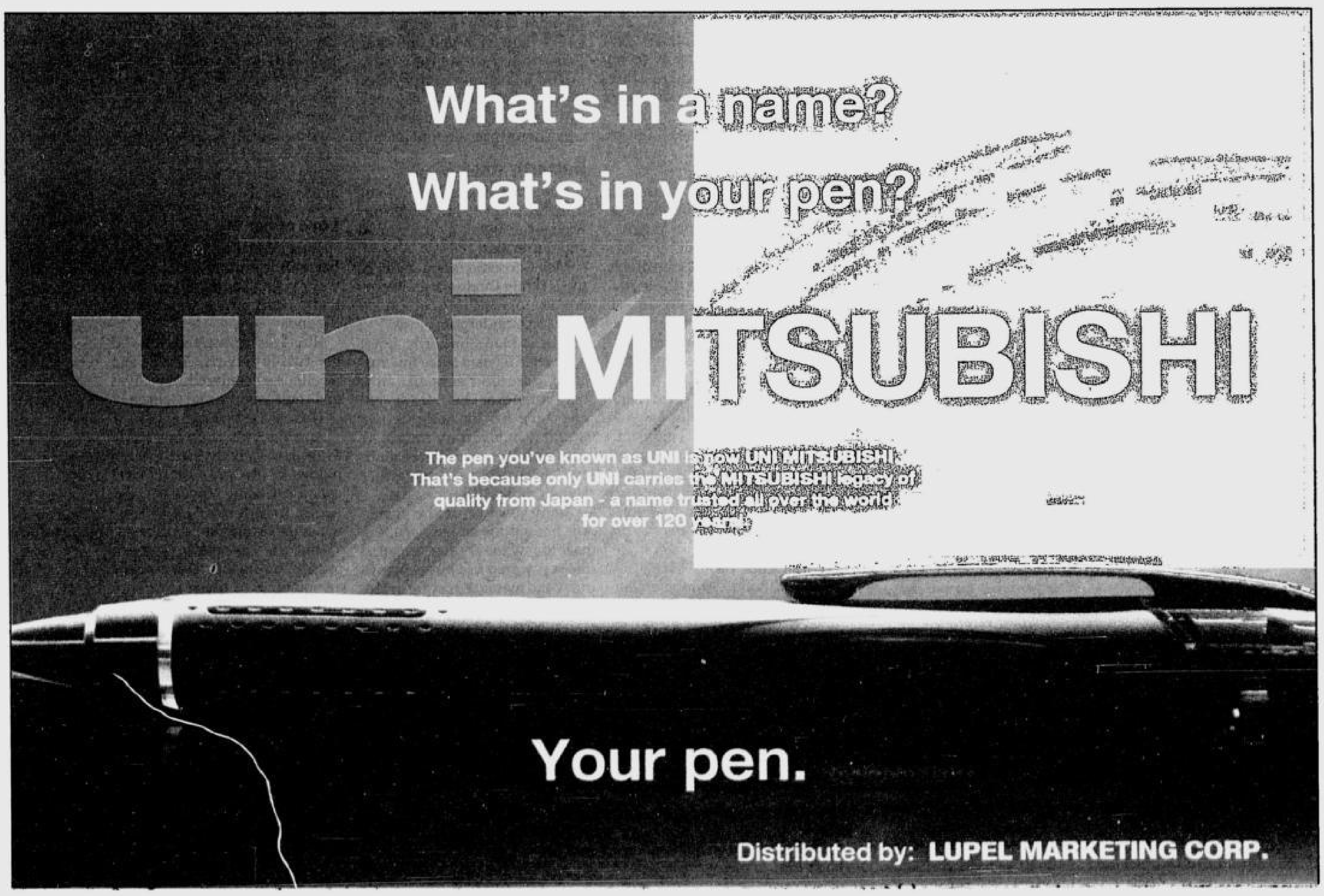
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Peso surges to 43.85/$1

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strong boost, traders said.

Asked whether the sharply appreciating peso was a concern for the central bank, BSP Deputy Governor Diwa Guinigundo told reporters: "It's always a concern and the role of the BSP in the foreign exchange market [is] precisely to moderate the volatilities."

Traders estimated that the BSP yesterday bought at least $200 million from the Philippine Dealing System (PDS), the spot foreign exchange market.

Aside from inflows that accumulated during the three-day weekend, expectations of more foreign money pouring in this coming long weekend propped up the peso despite rough regional markets.

The Philippine markets were closed on Monday due to the barangay elections. The markets will again pause for a long weekend break starting Thursday as the nation is set to commemorate All Saints' Day.

Guinigundo said the net impact of a strong peso on the economy was still positive, especially in light of skyrocketing oil prices, because it was helping lower the cost of imports.

"It mitigates the pressures brought about by the continuing increase in petroleum prices in the world market," he said.

A strong peso is seen as an indicator of confidence in the domestic economy, according to the BSP deputy governor. It also helps the national government trim the cost of servicing its foreign debts, freeing up more funds for infrastructure and social spending.

Exporters lose

The biggest losers in the strengthening peso are the exporters, who suffer from shrinking earnings when their dollars are converted into pesos and from less competitive prices in the global market.

Handicraft exporter Loida Rapal said she lost about P20 million so far this year because her company was forced to cancel products quoted to huge American buyers at a higher exchange rate.

Losses would have been bigger if her company shipped out the products at the originally agreed exchange rate, she said.

Rapal's Las Piñas-based company, RH Excelcrafts, sells handicrafts made from *abaca*, vines, *buri*, bamboo and paper pulp to huge American retailers, such as Wal-Mart, MarMaxx and Target.

Explore other businesses

Rapal said big buyers were not willing to share the cost of foreign exchange fluctuations. "The buyers say it's not their fault. So a lot of exporters are crying. Many are closing shop," she said.

Her family-owned enterprise has been forced to redesign some products and explore other businesses to stay afloat.

Rapal has now gone into local retailing and wholesaling of consumer goods, motor parts and accessories.

But she said the export business was good for the Philippines these days in terms of demand because a lot of foreign buyers, who wanted to avoid buying from China due to quality control issues, were increasingly looking for supplies in the country.

"(T)he observed slowdown in exports cannot be totally attributed to a very strong peso," Guinigundo said.

US slowdown

Guinigundo said the slowdown in the United States, the world's biggest economy, was another factor hurting local exporters. Some 20 percent of Philippine exports go to the United States.

He said prices of electronics across the globe were sharply going down because manufacturers were becoming more efficient due to innovations.

"So our domestic exports should continue to re-engineer and reinvest," Guinigundo said.

OFW households

A stronger peso also affects OFW households that receive remittances denominated in US dollars.

But OFWs working in the Middle East and Asia are benefiting from the appreciation of the currencies in these markets, according to Guinigundo.

While 51 percent of all overseas remittances coursed through banks seemed to be coming from the United States, this may not be entirely accurate.

Guinigundo noted that most of these remittances go through the United States for clearing first before being remitted to the Philippines. So banks end up reporting them as coming from America.

A new BSP study on remittances suggested that overseas Filipinos' decision to remit was being influenced by exchange rate movements. The study also said that "remitters are influenced by investment opportunities even more so than altruistic considerations."

A strengthening Philippine economy could lead to a peso appreciation and this necessitates a higher amount of dollar remittance if the remitter needs to provide for a fixed family budget in peso terms, the BSP paper said.

The reverse is expected in a weakening economy, as the resulting peso depreciation leads to a smaller amount of dollar remittance.

The BSP study found that remittances were "procyclical," tending to rise when economic activity improves and decline when economic conditions weaken.

Bucking regional trend

Currency traders said trading across other emerging markets in Asia was choppy yesterday ahead of the US Federal Reserve's setting of interest rate this week.

The US central bank is expected to cut its benchmark interest rates anew by 25 basis points.

A cut in the US Fed rate will drive investors to seek higher yields from emerging markets like the Philippines.

But if the US Fed decides to keep its rates unchanged, traders said it would result in a large correction favoring the greenback.

Currency traders said the peso surged early yesterday despite the BSP's sporadic buying of dollars to slow down its appreciation.

Chavit Singson

But traders said some players covered their positions later on rumors that Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, the star witness at the impeachment trial six years ago against then President Joseph "Erap" Estrada, was set to hold a press conference.

Singson is against Ms Arroyo's decision to pardon Estrada, who was convicted of plunder last month.

"There are emerging political risks because if the opposition withdraws the weak impeachment complaint against President Macapagal-Arroyo and files a new one, JDV (Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr.) may allow it to go through Congress. So it will be like a coup," a currency trader said.

Impeachment complaints against Ms Arroyo in 2005 and 2006 were rejected by the House of Representatives.

But reports of a falling out between Ms Arroyo and De Venecia over the scuttled National Broadband Network (NBN) project raised questions about the President's support in Congress.

De Venecia's son has linked Ms Arroyo's husband to the awarding of the $329-million contract for the NBN project to China's ZTE Corp. Jose "Joey" de Venecia III claims that the contract was overpriced and that it was tainted by offers of bribery.

But fresh supply of dollars poured in at the PDS when exporters started selling their dollars in the afternoon.

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. RIB-2007-892
05 October 2007

TO All Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors
Transportation District Officers
Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Implementing Rules and Regulations for the Registration of Imported Motor Vehicles Acquired by Buyers in Good Faith Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

Pursuant to the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement dated 07 August 2007 signed by the BOC and this Office relative to the collection of duties and taxes and the registration of imported motor vehicles primarily concerning buyers in good faith, the following implementing rules and regulations shall be observed:

A. **OBJECTIVE:**

To pursue a concerted action to collect taxes and duties on imported motor vehicles in consonance with the national initiative to generate more revenue for the government by establishing One-Stop-Shop at the LTO Compound, East Avenue, Quezon City.

B. **SCOPE**

This MC covers buyers in good faith of:

1. All imported Complete Built Units (CBUs) and
2. All CBUs from imported replacement parts indicated only by the engine and or chassis/Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
3. All imported motorcycles

C. **EXCLUSION**

The following imported motor vehicles are excluded from this MC:

1. Motor Vehicles imported pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Development Program (MVDP) of the government;
2. Motor Vehicles imported by embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions; and
3. Trucks and buses covered by Certificate of Payments (CPs) which indicated the payment of duties and taxes for the whole motor vehicle by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) accredited rebuilders

D. **DEFINITION OF TERMS:**

A buyer in good faith is

1. One who is not the importer of the motor vehicle nor has acted as agent for the importer in effecting the importation but who is able to identify the seller of the motor vehicle;
2. One who has verified the existence/genuineness of the BOC CP and the LTO Certificate of Registration (CR) at the time of purchase of the motor vehicle; and
3. One who has no personal knowledge that the motor vehicle was imported without payment of taxes and duties or with deficiencies.

E. **GENERAL PROCEDURE:**

Step 1 - Office of the Assistant Secretary thru the Executive Director

Submission of:

a. Letter-Request of the applicant
b. Affidavit of Undertaking
c. Certificate of Registration (CR)
d. Latest Official Receipt (OR) of payment of registration fees
e. Actual Inspection of motor vehicle with duly accomplished and approved Motor Vehicle Inspection Report (MVIR)
f. Taxpayer's Identification Number (TIN)
g. Stencils of engine and chassis numbers

Output : Indorsement to the BOC/PASG for appropriate action

Step 2 - Bureau of Customs/Presidential Anti Smuggling Group

Output :

a. Issuance of Official Receipt covering payment of taxes and duties to owner
b. Issuance of original copy of Certificate of Payment (CP) to be transmitted to LTO through a BOC official courier
c. BOC/PASG Clearance

Note : All original BOC Certificate of Payments shall be forwarded to the LTO Registration Section, Central Office through an official courier.

Step 3 - LTO Registration Section

Output:

a. Confirmation of OR
b. Certification of Stock Reported (CSR)

Step 4 - LTO District Office

a. LTO CP confirmation
b. Issuance of Official Receipt covering payment of taxes and duties
c. CSR
d. PNP TMG Clearance
e. Certificate of Compliance to Emission Standard (CCES) for used imported motor vehicles
f. Smoke Emission Test
g. Appropriate Insurance Certificate of Cover

Note : For owners of imported motor vehicles outside the NCR, the actual inspection shall be done at the district office nearest their residence.

F. **VENUE OF REGISTRATION**

1. For effective monitoring of the registration of these imported motor vehicles initial/original registration shall be restricted to the following district offices only:
    a. Diliman District Office
    b. Quezon City District Office
    c. Pasay City District Office
    d. Caloocan City District Office
2. For renewal registration, the originating district office shall be furnished a photocopy of the amendment of the CP and the BOC/PASG clearance.
3. For transfer of ownership, it shall be effected at the aforecited four (4) district offices provided confirmation of the documents shall be done and a copy of the amendment of the CP and the BOC/PASG clearance shall be furnished the originating agency.

G. **REPORTING SYSTEM**

All registering district offices, new and renewal, shall submit a report twice a month to the Registration Section - Central Office.

H. **PENAL CLAUSE**

Any personnel found to have violated the provisions of the Memo Circular shall be dealt with accordingly.

I. **REPEALING CLAUSE**

Previous orders, memoranda, circulars, rules and regulations in conflict herewith are hereby deemed superseded and or modified accordingly.

J. **EFFECTIVITY**

This Memo Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication.

(Sgd.) **REYNALDO I. BERROYA**
Assistant Secretary

(PDI - Oct. 31, 2007)

Love bridges divide between living and dead

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it looks for ways to become real for us, earth-bound and sad.

Our dear departed are just around the corner, for a fact. Oh, they don't drop in for tea just any time, but the other side of having been beset by so many people dying on me is this knowledge: Love prevails beyond matter.

This is a different kind of love story. Skeptics may say it's all coincidence, but there is a consistency in the events that happen over and over to various bereaved persons.

In a way it confirms that when the grieving is over, we realize that our sadness was for ourselves, bereft of the beloved presence.

The ones we love go on to where they have to be. They are fine, and so we ought to be, too. And time and again, I have been reminded of that—from the other side.

Efren

I was 27 with two little boys in tow and pregnant with my daughter Friena when Efren, my first husband, died in a plane crash.

My world turned upside down. I didn't know a thing about anything.

So I whispered an anxious prayer to Efren: "You can't do this to me, this is so unfair. I don't know what to do."

Chiding him across the divide worked. Every time I felt that things were just going to fall apart, help would come immediately, with such consistency.

I was due for a caesarean section (because I was six months pregnant when he died) and needed a sum of money. I was so worried, but only for a moment.

Suddenly the phone rang and a voice announced that I had to pick up a check for more than the amount I needed to deliver my daughter. It was part of his insurance plan.

Efren was young love, first love, and as a Philippine Military Academy cadet up in Baguio, he wrote to me every day (as attested by his roommate, whom I would meet again 30 years after he died).

Unopened letters

Later, as the painful reality of his passing was settling in, I found a batch of letters in the most unlikely place—the utility closet in the officers' quarters where we lived.

The letters, unopened, were from him to me, written before we were to marry and before he was to go to battle (this was in the 1970s).

He said he could hear the sound of bombs in the distance; he was afraid and full of uncertainty. The only thing he could be sure of, he said, was his love that would endure despite death.

It was what I needed to hear most at that moment, in the depths of my loneliness. Only later would I wonder why those letters were unopened, and why they were in the utility area. All I know now is they were a direct response to how I felt.

This went on and on—my young son would wake up at 2 a.m., calling out "Daddy" in the dark and saluting as he had been taught to—until I perceived the consistent pattern.

I whispered another prayer again ("If this is really you, send white flowers") and forgot all about it. Then, on All Souls' Day, what I saw on his grave was astounding—a profusion of white orchids from top to bottom.

"All right, it is you, all right, thank you!" I whispered.

The orchids were from then President Ferdinand Marcos. (My husband had died in a crash of the presidential plane.)

Butterfly story

The manifestations come from the other side in various ways—through light, sound and butterflies.

Mao Cardenas is a member of the Healing Circles Grief Recovery Group, which we cofounded for people undergoing loss.

This is Mao's butterfly story: It's been 10 years since my husband, Jose Cardenas III, died, but whenever his death anniversary, his birthday, or our wedding anniversary comes, he sends me messages of presence and love through butterflies and/or moths.

Many years before he passed on, he and his siblings made a pact that whoever died ahead of the rest would use butterflies to relay the message that he or she was "all right."

I have had quite a number of butterfly experiences.

Just last Thursday, two days before his anniversary, my granddaughter Almira and her nanny entered my parents' home through the kitchen. As soon as they did, a butterfly started flying around.

Of course, Almira was delighted. The nanny, who had helped me take care of him during his last few months, told herself, This is he, a butterfly with the colors that he wore when he was alive.

Waiting for me

Later in the day, the nanny was leading Almira toward my office. Almira noticed that the same butterfly had landed on her culottes and she shouted, "Look, Yaya, it's the butterfly!"

She took hold of it, laughing with joy, and when they reached my office, let go of it. Well, I found that same butterfly in a corner of the room when I arrived hours later, as if waiting for me.

I cap my butterfly story with the last experience I had, said Mao:

At a workshop I was attending, a beautiful white butterfly quietly flew into the circle three meters away from me. And as if it had gotten my attention, it turned around and settled on the lower part of the screen.

Its "whiteness" was something I had never seen before—it seemed to reflect a bluish color at its edges every time it moved its wings. And it looked delicately silky and soft.

Two days earlier, I had begged my God to show me a white butterfly.

My God did more than that. He made me see a beautiful butterfly that was pure, at peace, and at rest.

Love of her life

Rina Nuvalles lost her husband George quite suddenly. He was playing basketball when he had a heart attack and died on the spot.

Rina was devastated; she and her two little girls, Arielle and Noelle, had centered their lives and their love around George.

He was the love of her life.

And the girls were not ready to let go. They dressed a huge pillow in George's shirts and called it Daddy, hugging it and taking it with them in the car when they went out.

Rina tried to explain George's passing by saying, "Jesus needed someone to teach Him how to play basketball."

After some time, one of them piped up: "Isn't Daddy coming back soon? By now Jesus would know how to play basketball already."

Rina has a long list of connection stories. The suddenness of George's passing perhaps drew his spirit to this earthly plane in order to wrap things up for his very young family.

She recounted incidents when she needed funds or felt that what she had was not enough—and the response from the other side:

"I had wanted to buy some things for myself but felt that we needed the money for the girls, so I held back. There was a cute belt and a bag I wanted, and a rosary as well, but I thought I would wait for better times.

"That same afternoon, a friend of mine who is a stewardess dropped by with her *pasalubong*—a similar belt and bag plus a rosary that had been blessed by the Pope.

"Another time, I was so down on funds. I wanted to take the girls to the mall but settled on cleaning the house instead.

"I noticed that George's golf bag in a corner of the room had not been touched. I set myself to clean it and took out the clubs. I noticed a lumpy thing at the bottom.

"I pulled it out. It was an envelope, and inside was P30,000. That was much more than we needed for the mall!"

2 dozen roses

Rina also has a story about the two dozen white roses that George always gave her on their anniversary.

When she and the children went to the memorial park on their anniversary, she was amazed to find two dozen roses on George's grave. They had been put there by the florist from whom George always bought flowers.

She also recalled one instance, the eve of her birthday, when her children were fast asleep:

"I was soooo broken inside. I cried and cried and cried, and perhaps cried myself to sleep. I spoke to him in my mind—Wherever you are, do you remember? You gave me the happiest nine birthdays of my life. You always gave me those simple surprises. You made me so happy! You cannot surprise me now. I am missing that already.

"I was awakened by the sound of the cell phone, the one that he gave me. I saw on the screen: 'Reminder: Honey's Birthday!" It was sent at 5:30 a.m., the time when he would wake up, kiss me and prepare to go to his office.

"There was no mistake, he woke me up with a kiss that morning. And he gave me a simple surprise—a message that he never forgets my birthday, and he will always stay..."

Healing Circles Grief Recovery Group meets every third Thursday of the month. For inquiries, call 0922-8221512.

Cops get primer on how to treat ...

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locked up in any detention cell or jail.

- Male police officers should only frisk male offenders while female officers should only inspect their own kind.
- Handcuffs, guns or batons must not be used against them.
- The police must always identify themselves through their badge or identification card.
- If these children need detention while awaiting turnover to the local social welfare and development office (LSWDO), they must be temporarily entrusted to the care of their parents, relatives, social workers or faith-based organization.
- Authorities must explain to young offenders in simple terms why they are being arrested.
- Police officers must let the parents or relatives of a young offender know about the arrest within eight hours.
- Children in conflict with the law must undergo mental and physical exams before they are surrendered to the LSWDO.

Global links

A nonprofit organization linked with 64 countries worldwide, Plan Philippines works to support the development of children, their families, and communities in eight of the country's poorest provinces.

These are in Masbate, Isabela, Occidental Mindoro, Eastern Samar, Western Samar, Northern Samar, Southern Leyte and Cebu's Camotes Island.

But its concept on "restorative justice" has remained vague, or complicated, to the public, including its key stakeholders, such as social workers, the police, barangay officials, parents and children, according to the group.

Held in clammy jails

Even with the existence of the law, more than 1,000 children in conflict with the law are still languishing in clammy and congested jails together with adult criminals.

Records from the Department of Social Welfare and Development show that as of July 2007, there are 4,039 young offenders nationwide.

Of these number, more than 300 are detained at the New Bilibid Prisons, 590 are locked up in city jails, 406 in police detention cells and 367 under the custody of local government or nongovernment agencies.

With Dutch help

It was for this reason that Plan Philippines thought of publishing and distributing 6,000 of the brightly illustrated booklets using P850,000 of a $274,000 grant extended by the Dutch government, said Leonila Melendrez, the group's country program advisor for child protection.

"We hope that through these primers, people would be able to understand and know the consequences of the law," she said.

Five kinds of primers have been printed discussing the different procedures which social workers, police officers, parents, children and barangay officials should follow from the arrest to the arraignment of the child in court.

Biboy and Ging-ging

Each booklet narrates the story of two teenagers, Biboy and Ging-ging, who were arrested and maltreated while under police custody for stealing goods from a variety store in their neighborhood.

Ging-ging, 14, was made to entertain police officers on night duty by dancing to a Sexbomb ditty. Biboy, 16, was locked up in a cramped detention cell with other criminals.

"Ging-ging and Biboy are actually real persons from a real case in Masbate last year," Melendrez told the INQUIRER.

Drawing from the horrible experiences of the two children, the primers discuss procedures for arresting children.

The primers intended for the social workers and the barangay officials introduce the concept of diversion.

Under the law, diversion is an alternative process of determining the responsibility and treatment of youth offenders on the basis of his or her social, economic, psychological or educational background without resorting to formal court proceedings.

"This distribution of primers will really help a lot in educating our communities on how to deal with our children in conflict with the law," said Social Welfare Secretary Esperanza Cabral.

"This would also pave way in the release of those who are still languishing in our jails to rehabilitation homes or their families."

The DSWD has allotted P50 million to help implement the Juvenile Justice Welfare Act, Cabral said. Of that amount, P22 million will be used for building transition homes for young offenders nationwide.

Male drivers feel it's macho to drive fast

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The scientists at the Universities of Zurich, Neuchatel and Heidelberg found that men who were exposed to a "typically male environment" drove "significantly" faster than when they were in a female or neutral environments.

The study involved 83 male students, aged 20 to 27, who were placed in driving simulators, according to Neuchatel psychology professor Marianne Schmid Mast.

The subjects accelerated when they were played words such as "muscle" or "beard"—which were taken to evoke masculine traits—over the car radio in the simulated male environment.

In the female environment, words like "lipstick" or "pink" were played and the subjects drove about two kilometers an hour slower. Similar results were obtained with the simulated neutral environment—words like "table" or "chair."

The study was prompted by concern about the high proportion of young men involved in road accidents linked to speeding.

Schmid Mast said the results were statistically significant.

"The link between a macho attitude and aggressive driving has often been evoked but it hadn't been demonstrated," she told Agence France Presse.

According to the researchers, the findings could help design road safety campaigns that dissociate speed from masculinity, such as by showing seven times Formula One motor racing champion Michael Schumacher driving slowly on normal roads.

Schmid Mast said she hoped to conduct a similar study with a group of women. *AFP*

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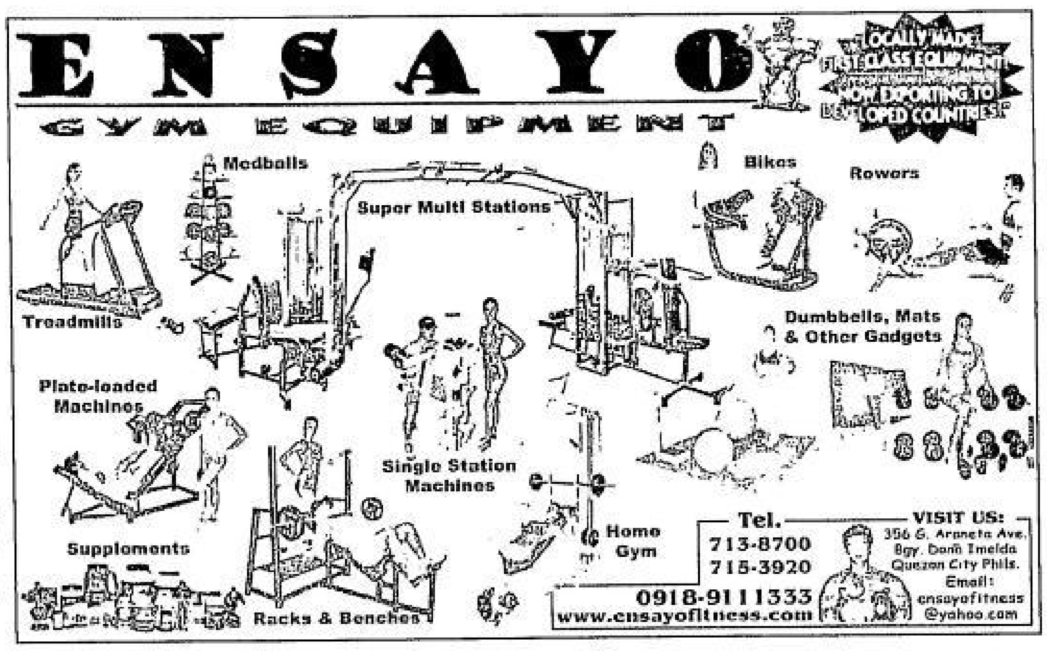
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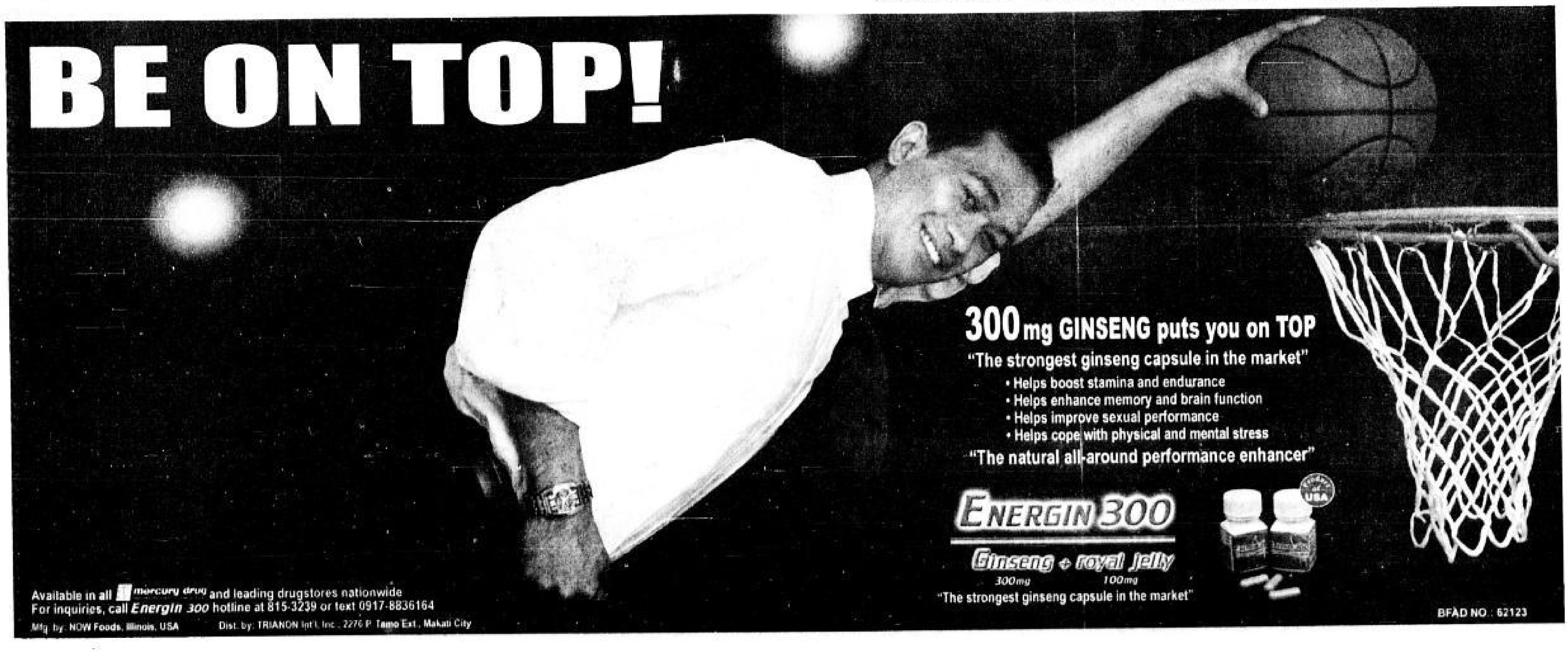
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Pinoy workers are tops with Brits, says envoy

BRITISH BUSINESS HAS REAFFIRMED ITS confidence in the Filipino worker by investing in a facility that will train Filipinos for jobs in the energy sector, British Ambassador to the Philippines Peter Beckingham said yesterday.

Beckingham, who inaugurated a comprehensive training facility of Cape East Phil. Inc., a member of Cape Industrial Services Group (CISG) of the United Kingdom, said the UK was convinced of the world-class potential of Filipino workers. The Cape Group specializes in the provision of access, insulation, fire protection, cleaning and other essential services to the energy sector.

"Recognition of the high quality of Filipino skilled workers is growing, as demonstrated by CISG's significant investment," Beckingham said in his speech.

"The benefits to the Philippines include not just jobs in the immediate future, but also an increase in the competitiveness of the Filipino worker in the long term," he said.

Beckingham said the training center will assess, qualify and train some 1,200 workers a year on the basic discipline and skills needed to enter the power, oil, gas, petrochemical, refining and processing industries. The center has its own purpose-built accommodations for its trainees.

Graduates of the training courses will then be sent to various local and global locations to help support CISG in maintaining its leading position in the markets in which it operates.

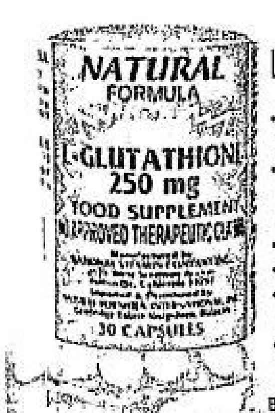
According to the ambassador, the center is the second such facility opened by a British company this year.

Another UK company, Balfour Beatty, opened a training center here in July geared to the needs of the engineering and construction sector.

Beckingham said that Cape East had a strong commitment to the requirements of its clients and to the countries in which it operates. It was recently nominated to receive the Sword of Honor from the British Safety Council.

The center is also the first to gain international accreditation from CISRS (Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme), recognized as a leading training governing body in the United Kingdom.

Cape East first came to the Philippines in 1993. Its first project was the Star Project of the Batangas Shell Refinery. *Cynthia D. Balana*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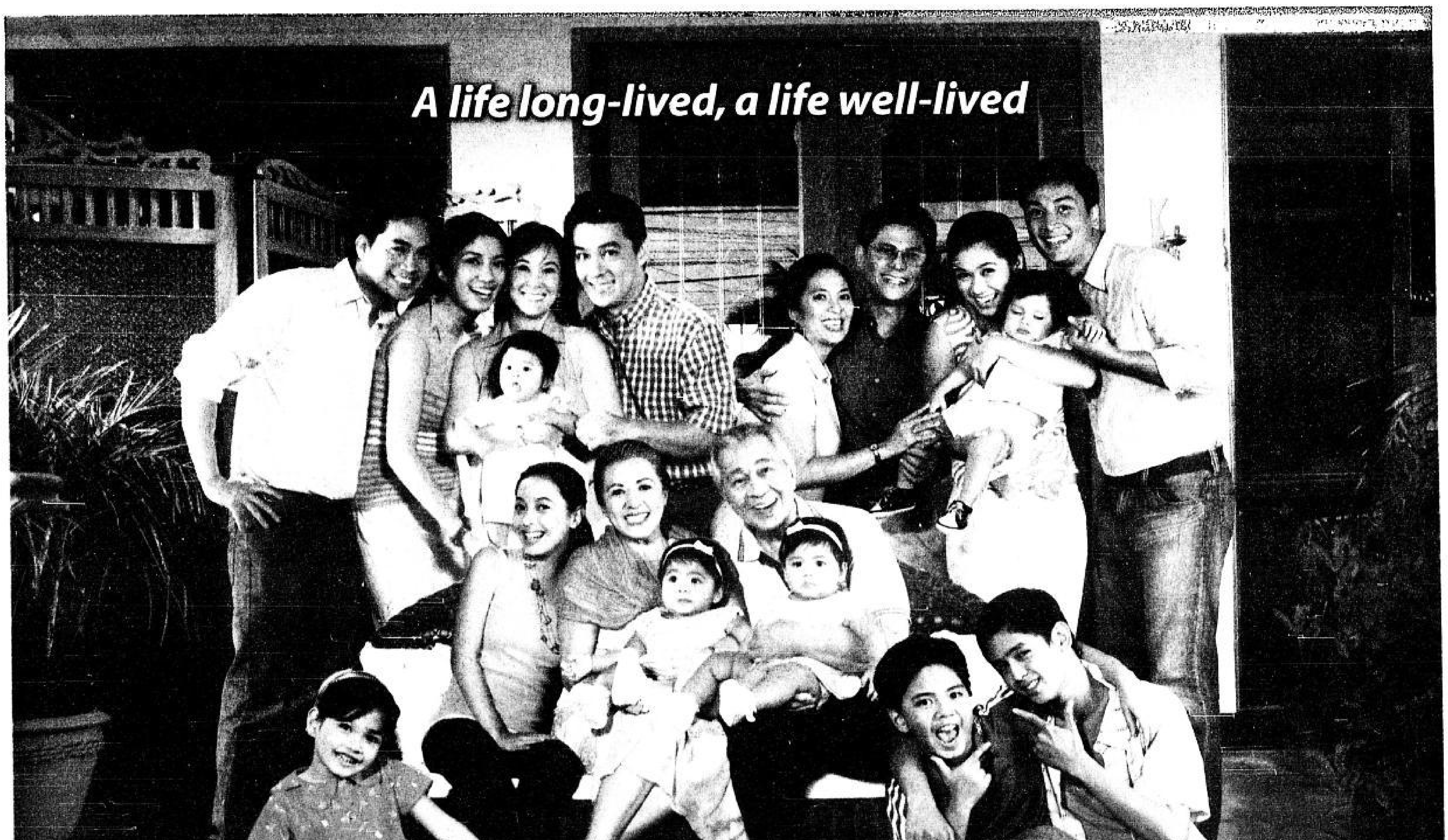

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Cops nab car thieves, recover vehicles

By Alcuin Papa

FOUR STOLEN VEHICLES HAVE been recovered by the Traffic Management Group in the past two days, according to officials.

TMG director chief Supt. Perfecto Palad said three of the four cars—a Nissan X-Trail, a Mitsubishi L200 pickup and a Mitsubishi M300 van—were recovered on Monday in Barangay Capalangan, Apalit, Pampanga.

Palad said this was a well-known dumping area for stolen cars.

He said his men were actually searching for a Starex van stolen on Monday morning from Capitol Green Village, Tandang Sora, Quezon City, when they stumbled on the three vehicles in Pampanga.

He sent his men to Pampanga after receiving information that the suspects who had taken the Starex van were heading north on the North Luzon Expressway.

The TMG discovered that the three vehicles, now in its custody, had spurious documents. Later in the day, they were able to recover the fourth vehicle—the Starex they had been looking for in the first place.

Palad said members of Task Force Limbas under Senior Supt. Fernando Villanueva spotted the van late Monday evening at a checkpoint in Angeles City.

The police flagged down the vehicle and arrested its passengers, identified as Michael and Mark Dingal of Bagong Silang, Dungca Village, Angeles City, and Rolando de la Cruz of Bagong Silang, Phase 4, Angeles City.

None of the passengers were able to produce documents proving ownership of the van. Further investigation showed the Starex had been stolen.

According to Palad, the three suspects were members of the Dominguez carnapping group headed by brothers Raymond and Ogie Dominguez.

The group operates primarily in Metro Manila and central and northern Luzon, he said. In Metro Manila, Palad said the group favored Quezon City, Mandaluyong, Bulacan, Greenhills and San Juan.

Raymond was arrested by the TMG two weeks ago while driving a vehicle owned by actress Shirley Fuentes. Unfortunately, he was able to post P1.2-million bail, Palad said.

"That's why he (Raymond) is back to carnapping [so he could] recover the amount he paid for bail," he said.

Palad said the Dominguez group and the Bonifacio group were responsible for 70 percent of carjacking incidents in Metro Manila, Region III and northern Luzon.

"These are the two big groups. If we can neutralize them, we can tremendously lessen the incidents of carnapping, particularly in Luzon," he said.

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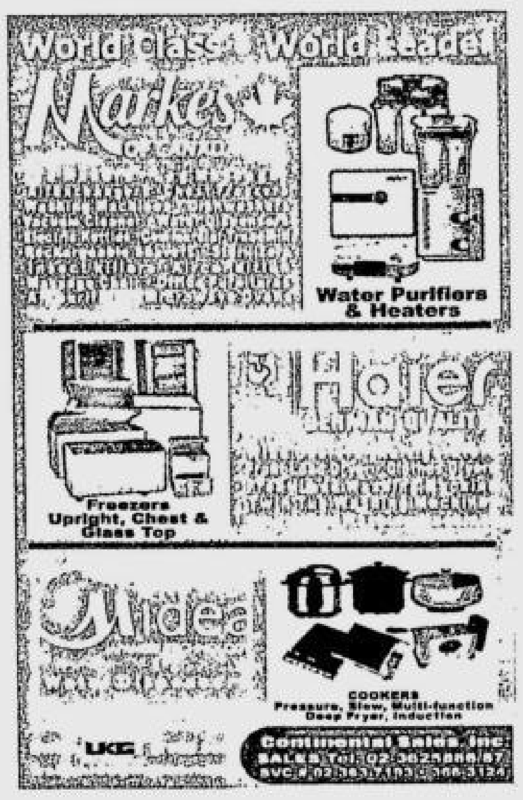
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NPA releases POW soldier

THE NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY HAS RELEASED "on humanitarian grounds" a Philippine Army soldier it had held for three weeks as a "prisoner of war" in the Compostela Valley.

Sgt. Raul Reyes was turned over to provincial officials by the Alejandro Lanaja Command-NPA, a rebel spokesperson said in a statement posted on Philippine Revolution Web Central (www.philippinerevolution.net).

Gov. Arturo Uy and Rep. Manuel Zamora took custody of Reyes from the NPA at noon on Monday in Barangay Casoon, Monkayo, Compostela Valley.

"The decision to release POW Sgt. Raul Reyes is based on humanitarian grounds, particularly [on] the request of his family. Also, the investigating body of the NPA found no grave crimes that were individually attributable to the said prisoner of war," said *Ka* Aris Francisco of the Lanaja Command.

Francisco said the NPA released Reyes even as the Armed Forces' Eastern Mindanao Command refused to suspend its operations in parts of Compostela Valley and Agusan del Sur.

He said this was a "clear manifestation of its (AFP) negligent treatment towards their own rank-and-file personnel, paramilitary elements and noncommissioned officers captured as POWs and to the demands of their families."

"Had the suspension of offensive military operations (Somo) been implemented, the POW would have been released earlier," Francisco said. *Nikko Dizon*

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Wednesday, October 31, 2007
30th Week in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Rom 8:26-30
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus went through towns and villages teaching and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, is it true that few people will be saved?"

And Jesus answered, "Do your best to enter by the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you will stand outside; then you will knock at the door calling: 'Lord, open to us.' But he will say to you: 'I do not know where you come from.'

"Then you will say: 'We ate and drank with you and you taught in our streets!' "But he will reply: 'I don't know where you come from. Away from me all you workers of evil.'

"You will weep and grind your teeth when you see Abraham and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves left outside. Others will sit at table in the kingdom of God, people coming from east and west, from north and south. Some who are among the last will be the first, and others who were first will be last!"

Commentary

The Spirit is there for us in our weaknesses and prays in us, teaching us how to pray and praying with and for us. The Spirit teaches us with words, with groans, and sensations and hopes that cannot be worded or imaged. But our hearts are searched and the Spirit prays for what we need, individually and as God's people. All things in the world work together. As horrible and violent as they may be, all things are redeemable because of Jesus, the beloved Son's obedience and dying and rising. We are called to live and die and rise with Jesus, in our baptisms, in the pattern of our lives and one day, forever.

Jesus tells us that we must come in together through the narrow door-of the Word of God, the kingdom of the least and the poor. Just because we have been baptized or have shared eucharist does not mean that we are saved, or even on the road-the way of the cross, the way of justice and peace, the way of the children of God to the Father in the Spirit with Jesus. There will be others we never dreamed of who are in the kingdom of God, which we thought was all ours. We need to be careful for God knows the others who will be first and perhaps we might even end up last, if we are in at all.

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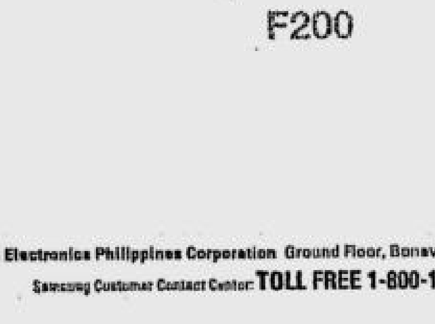
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EDITORIAL

DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL SPENT HIS VICE PRESIdency campaigning non-stop, because President Carlos P. Garcia wouldn't give him a job. Back then, the basic unit of our government was the barrio, and Macapagal never hesitated to boast that he had visited nearly every barrio to shake hands with nearly every voter. To be sure, obsessive attention to voters, in retail and wholesale terms, is the mark of any successful politician. But Macapagal's personal touch proved incapable of overcoming the challenge mounted by Ferdinand E. Marcos, who believed above all else in the ability of political machinery to overcome all odds.

Marcos renamed the barrio the barangay, and this latter-day rajah ensured that the barrio captain of old would become the barangay chairman of today, the petty datus on whom money is periodically showered by Malacañang. Marcos distrusted the traditional party machines and wanted to build personal ties between his supreme chieftainship, and the village chiefs he created and made dependent on his good graces.

It is no coincidence, then, that President Macapagal-Arroyo governs with a combination of her father's retail obsession, and Marcos' wholesale penchant for bribing all opposition into submission. She roams the country with her father's zeal and holds cash buffets in Malacañang in a truly Marcosian manner. At the apex of the patronage pyramid, she knows as well as her legionaries in the House of Representatives do, that the bedrock of their shared political machinery are barangay officials.

Which is why the true story of the recently concluded barangay elections is that they were about cash, political infrastructure, or put another way, providing for the future of the President and her people. By now we are reasonably certain that the congressmen and governors plied with cash in the Palace a few weeks ago were lining up for doles they could give out, in turn, to their barangay machinery.

The supposedly nonpartisan nature of barangay governance be damned. It was payback time. The President owed the congressmen, who owed the barangay officials, in turn. All would pay their debts, since after all, payment would come in the form of public funds.

To repeat: the barangay elections were a partisan exercise, with partisan goals in mind. Instead of giving adequate time for the reform of the obviously flawed and highly corrupt barangay system—including, as we pointed out, the essentially useless, except for dynasty-building, Sangguniang Kabataan—the President solidly supported the insistence of the House of Representatives to go through with the elections, despite the Senate's initial reservations. Nothing would be allowed to delay the payback.

The first dividends were immediately encashed by the President when she showed that more congressmen supported her than her erstwhile ally, Speaker Jose de Venecia. Then we saw it in the way governors tried to gang up on Pampanga Gov. Ed Panlilio, who exposed the cash distribution in the Palace. We will see in the coming months, the additional dividends the President expects to earn from her cash buffets, whether in terms of blocking a new impeachment effort or in simulating grass-roots support for Charter change.

Everything—the lavish spending on posters, marching bands, motorcades, the violence and intimidation, the bribing of voters—that has characterized the barangay polls is as nothing compared to what they represent. They are part of a continuing and increasingly brazen process of governing, not in the exercise of the will of the people, but according to the Golden Rule that whoever has the gold, makes the rules.

With a new generation of young dynasts in the SK, with their fathers, mothers, uncles and in-laws in more senior barangay positions, with the congressmen having paid off their local leaders' debts and by so doing, incurring new debts of gratitude and themselves grateful, in turn, to the President, everything is in place. Ritual calls for barangay reform will be made, and even if they have become an exercise in futility, we support those calls. However, we should all be aware that the entire political class benefited from this exercise, and this is what sets apart their interests from the broader public.

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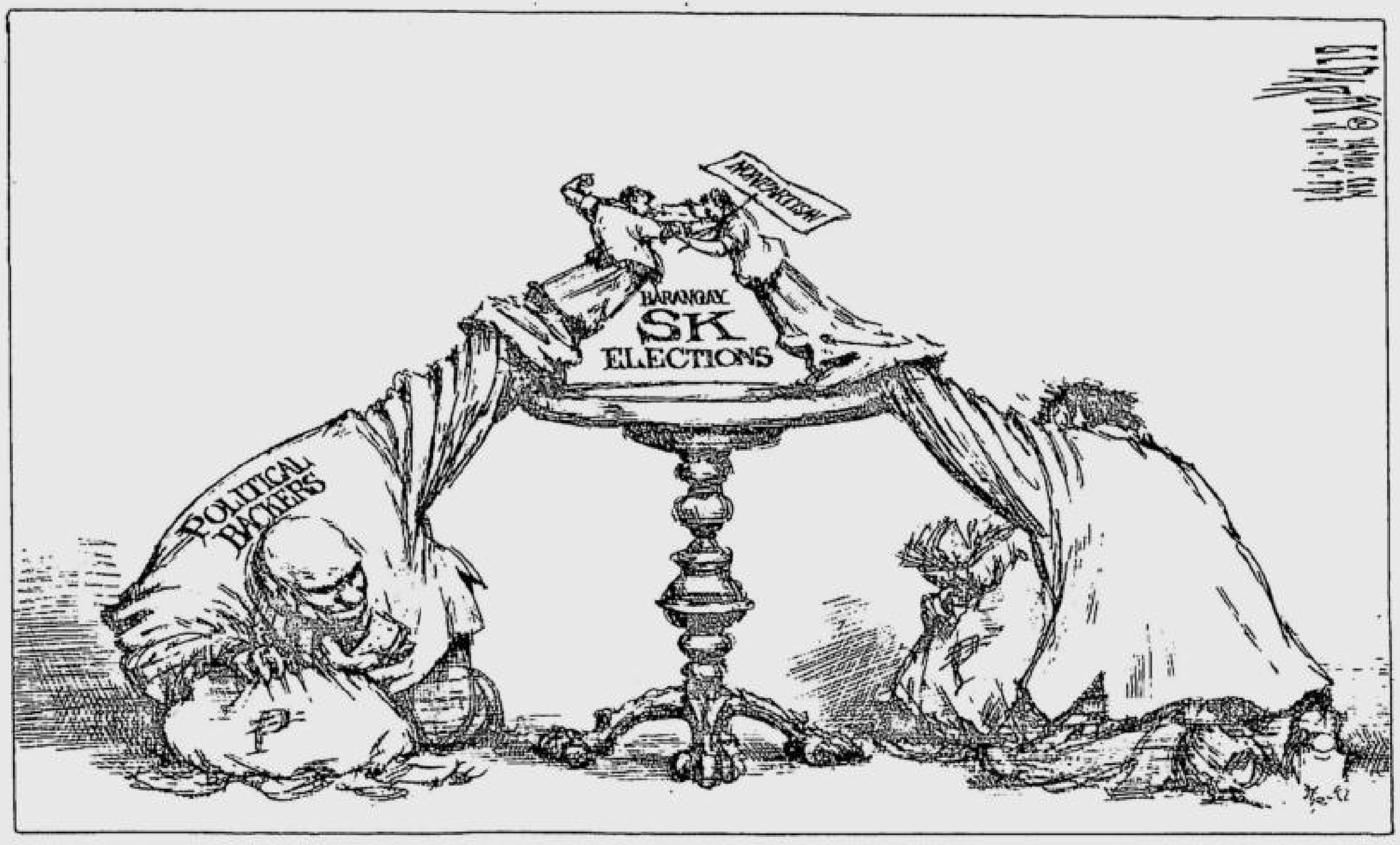

Is Yamashita treasure buried in Batangas Port?

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

THE INQUIRER REPORTED LAST MONDAY that 179 landowners of a 40-hectare property in Batangas City adjacent to the Batangas Port have asked Gov. Vilma Santos-Recto to revoke a 2003 memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the provincial government and the Philippine Ports Authority to develop the property as an economic zone. Under the MOU, the province would acquire the land and shoulder the cost of improvement, while the PPA would construct, develop and maintain Phase 3 of the port. The MOU will expire in June next year, but until now the provincial government has not even begun to develop the property. The landowners want the MOU scrapped so they can sell their property to other buyers.

By coincidence(?), I received earlier two letters from one of the owners of other parcels of land totaling 130 hectares that the PPA wants to expropriate for the expansion of the Batangas Port. The owners and the PPA are now locked in a court battle because of the astronomical price the owners are asking for their properties. The letters comment on an earlier column (Sept. 21, 2007) explaining the court case and how the PPA would go bankrupt if it were to pay the price being asked. The PPA said it would rather not go through with the expropriation rather than go bankrupt.

Well then, if some of the owners want the MOU revoked and the PPA wants the proposed expropriation of the other parcels also revoked, the problem is solved. The PPA returns the lands to their owners who can sell them to other buyers who can afford their price.

The second letter rejects that compromise. Obviously, the owners don't want to give up a good thing. But on the other hand, what can they do if the PPA doesn't have the money to pay their price?

The PPA, after all, has been ordered to pay a total of P11.3 billion (that's billion) for the 130 hectares. The PPA, which maintains and operates 23 major shipping gateways and thousands of terminals all over the country, has a yearly budget of only P4 billion. That means the land for the port expansion will eat up its budget for three years. There will be no money left for development.

Moreover, there will be no money left for port operations, no money for dredging waterways to prevent marine disasters, no money to pay the 3,000 PPA employees all over the country, no money to complete all the ongoing development projects, and no money to pay the billion-peso loans to international and local creditors. And what about the negative impact on the shipping industry and the economy? The PPA (and the landowners) have no choice but to throw up their hands and give up.

How did this come about? Did the PPA bite more than it can chew?

Not quite. The market value of the 185 lots started at P336.83 per sq m as recommended by the Land Acquisition Committee for Phase II of the Batangas Port Development Project. The price then began its dizzying climb from thereon. The trial court issued a writ of possession in favor of the PPA upon payment of P400 per sq m. The owners asked for a just compensation of P8,000 per sq m. Horrors!

The court appointed a three-member commission to ascertain the just compensation for the land. After hearings, the commission submitted two reports, both recommending P4,800 per sq m as just compensation.

Despite the recommendation of the commission it appointed, the trial court raised the just compensation to P5,500 per sq m.

That was like finding Yamashita's treasure buried in the expropriated land. At that price, each of the 231 landowners are to be paid hundreds of millions to billions of pesos. At that price, will the landowners accept the return of their lands? But at that price, can the PPA pay for it and not go under?

So the PPA appealed to the Court of Appeals and later to the Supreme Court. Both sustained the trial court's price of P5,500 per sq m on a technicality. The technicality? The PPA lawyer failed to appear at a hearing on the just compensation. The PPA is represented by the Solicitor General's Office.

The PPA's side was never heard by the trial court and the two appellate courts refused to hear it either—on a technicality that would cost the taxpayers billions of pesos. In the interest of justice, fair play and due process, shouldn't the courts give the PPA a chance to be heard?

The Supreme Court en banc has agreed to accept a motion for reconsideration by the PPA. It should consider this case on the merits and not hide behind technicalities. It should give the PPA due process. The Court cannot render a just and fair decision without hearing its side. And if the PPA wants to give up the expropriation, it should be allowed to.

The landowners will lose nothing. They will still have their land and they can sell that to whoever is willing to pay the price they want. But to force the PPA to pay a price it cannot afford is extortion. The PPA will be forced to close shop, with dire consequences to our shipping industry and our economy.

But let's listen to one of the landowners. Her letter will be published here, with comments from the PPA, in a succeeding column.

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TODAY'S JOKE: FG Mike A declined a Senate invitation to a hearing on the broadband deal because of his doctor's advice: For the good of your heart, better lie in bed and not in the Senate.

Now's the time

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

ERAP OFFERS TWO INTERESTING, OR AMUSing, reasons why he's not backing calls for Gloria-Macapagal Arroyo to resign.

One, "it's the people—the poor sector which is the largest part of this country—who should choose and decide who they want to run or replace the government, not the few elitists and churchmen."

Two, a transition government led by Chief Justice Reynato Puno, as several bishops and civil society leaders have called for, would only produce the same results as the military-led uprising that led to his ouster in 2001. "Haven't they learned from their mistakes in Edsa II? Our country has gone from bad to worse since then."

The first argument brings us back to the seemingly formidable question: "Who do you want to replace GMA?" Seemingly formidable because it's in fact the easiest question to answer. Neither the "few elitists and churchmen" **nor** the poor have the right to determine that. Only the voters do.

In Erap's case, the voters did vote for him. In fact, they didn't just vote for him, they voted for him overwhelmingly. But they also impeached him. More than that, by a direct expression of will, they overthrew him. What made it the people and not just a "few elitists and churchmen" was the impeachment trial, which didn't just play out before the Senate but before the nation. The televised proceedings weren't just elitist fare, they were *masa* fare, probably more the second than the first. Without that trial—the most popular TV show in this country ever—I'd agree it was just a "few elitists and churchmen" that did Erap in. I'd go further and argue that without that trial, Edsa II would never have happened. No people, no People Power.

But if Erap's case is debatable, GMA's is not. Erap was the president of this country when he was ousted by People Power, GMA is not. Independently of the results of any elections, you commit a crime like the "Hello Garci" conversation, you forfeit your right not just to public office but to private freedom. You shouldn't be president, you should be in jail. US President Richard Nixon was impeached for merely bugging the Democratic Party headquarters. GMA plotted with an election official to defraud the voters. Japanese and Korean officials have committed hara-kiri for less.

Erap's worries about a coup, which is really what a "military-led uprising" means, are belated. We already have one. Power seized by ballot is no less a coup than one seized by bullet. It is not justified by economic advance even if true; legitimacy holds primacy over all else. Economic advance may never take the place of the consent of the governed—and all we have is propaganda in lieu of food. In this country, the economy, not patriotism, is the last refuge of scoundrels. Marcos used it in his time, too. Then and now, the claims are just a can of worms made out to be *pancit*.

Erap's second point is the more amusing one. The biggest joke on this country, the kind that really hurts you when you laugh, is that GMA's weakness has become her strength, her offensiveness has become her defense. I've heard it from friends, too: "Why oust GMA? We'll only produce someone like, or worse than, her." You buy that argument, the worse she becomes, the more reason she gives **not** to be ousted.

That is what Erap is saying: "Our country has gone from bad to worse." Therefore, do not oust GMA because we'll only produce still worse.

The complete refutation of that is Cory Aquino. For all her rule's infirmities, she proved worlds better than Ferdinand Marcos. And in any case, whether we produce another tyrant or not does not depend on our stars, it depends on ourselves. The only reason another tyrant keeps rising in place of the one we remove is that we allow it. After rising heroically to topple down a tyrant, we lapse back to mediocrity, patting ourselves in the back and telling stories about "the war" like drunken veterans in bars. And leaving governance solely to "them" instead of issuing a stern warning from the start: "We, the people, put you in power to serve us; we, the people, can put you out of it if you don't." And making sure every step of the way that warning is heeded.

We'll only produce another GMA if we oust GMA? Only if we never learn.

In the end, however, I'm glad that Erap is saying these things. It not only confirms something we've known all along, which is that IQ isn't his strongest suit, it's also that it finally rids us of an artificial choice we've been forced to make for a long time. That is the choice between GMA and Erap, between Entertainer and Trapo, between the devil and the deep blue sea. It's the one thing that has prevented the people from taking to the streets to remove another scourge: A choice between relative evils can only produce leaden feet, not winged ones. It's the one thing that has prevented a real opposition from springing from the pit of this ravaged land like flowers creeping out of the rubble.

As is obvious now, if it wasn't so before, the choice isn't between Erap and GMA, it's between them and the principles of Edsa II, the principles that ousted Erap and the principles that GMA betrayed, never having fought for them to begin with. As is obvious now, if it wasn't so before, the choice isn't between the Entertainer who panders to the least common denominator and the Trapo who manipulates and coerces with the most uncommon determination, it is between them and true democrats who believe in empowering the people. As is obvious now, if it wasn't so before, the choice isn't between one evil and another, the choice can be between good and evil, or what is reasonably good against what is patently evil. For the first time in a long time, the opportunity to create a genuine opposition is there.

Heaven help us if we do not act now.

My Burmese experience

COMMENTARY

Isabel T. Escoda

"SHADES OF 1986 MANILA! PEOPLE POWER will surely topple those generals in Burma." My nephew Miguel remarked in Vancouver as we watched the agony in Rangoon on TV. I had stopped over briefly from California on my way to Hong Kong.

It would be wonderful if Miguel's prediction came true, but the situation in Burma looks too bleak for optimism. Good may have triumphed over evil in Manila back in 1986, but the brutal regime in Burma today seems worse than Marcos'. Ensconced in their new fortress in Pyinmana, halfway between Mandalay and Rangoon, the generals have dug in their heels, having fled north, reportedly on the advice of an astrologer, and to defend themselves from perceived attackers.

Just as we had Jaime Cardinal Sin and the nuns in 1986, the Burmese people have their monks and students who are now being brutalized by the military. The Burmese torturers come from a more sinister mold than did Marcos' military thugs.

What we're seeing today may well be the beginning of the end of that nasty regime. But while China keeps calling for "calm," it still supports the generals, instead of leaning on them to behave. It's common knowledge that Beijing sees Burma's teak forests, mineral and gas fields as ripe for exploitation, and views the country as a strategic path to the Indian Ocean. Similarly, India, Thailand and Singapore have been trading with the vile generals, but the murder of a Japanese journalist has made Tokyo cut off aid.

As global protests escalate in this day and age of instant news via cell phones and the Internet, tightened economic sanctions by the West probably won't hurt the generals too much but they'd increase the suffering of the ordinary Burmese. These are the courageous people who protested back in 1988, whose lives were further constricted when the currency was arbitrarily demonetized. Two years later, the generals ignored the electoral landslide won by the redoubtable Aung San Suu Kyi, whom they promptly placed in detention while slaughtering an estimated 3,000 of her followers. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991, Suu Kyi did not go abroad to claim it—just as she did not go to her husband's bedside when he was dying of cancer in London, knowing she wouldn't be allowed back into her country if she left. Her detention in virtual isolation for over a decade shows the generals are terrified of her.

It's the age-old story of men grabbing power and refusing to relinquish it. Like Marcos, who toyed with the idea of renaming the Philippines "Maharlika," the generals arbitrarily renamed their country Myanmar, and last year fled to their fortress dubbed "Naypyidaw" (abode of kings).

When I visited Rangoon in mid-1960 with my late journalist-husband, one found a gentle people inhabiting a peaceable country where time seemed to have stood still. Women and men wearing the sarong-like *longyis* could have sprung out of British writer George Orwell's stories.

Lately I've been reminded of my own protest three years ago when the Asean held a summit in Jakarta. That was soon after Suu Kyi, newly recovered from a hysterectomy, was ambushed while touring upcountry with some of her followers, many of whom were killed. I was appalled that President Macapagal-Arroyo did not strongly voice support for a sister-leader. Some friends and I decided to picket the Burmese Consulate in downtown Wanchai, but after I'd prepared the placards and notified the Hong Kong media of our plan, my friends were unable to join me. So I went alone to the consulate. A photographer/reporter from the Hongkong Standard turned up and shot me taping protests ["Free Aung San Suu Kyi, Burma's legitimate leader," "No Myanmar Thugs in Asean"] on the consulate's front entrance and handing the receptionist a letter protesting human rights violations in Burma.

Then two officials came out of the office, mouthing imprecations as I retreated toward the exit and brandished Suu Kyi's book, "Freedom from Fear." The officials followed me and the photographer out, one of them snapping a camera—no doubt to place us on their black list.

A few days later the Philippine Consulate informed me that the Burmese Consulate wanted my address (I'm not listed in the Hong Kong telephone directory, despite having lived in the territory for 25 years), because they wanted to send me a parcel. Fearing a letter-bomb, I nevertheless gave the address. The package turned out to be propaganda books titled "Magnificent Myanmar," "Myanmar: Building a Modern State" and "Myanmar Women's Day, 2006," all lavishly illustrated with photographs. A letter from the consul general pointed to my wrongheadedness over Burma.

Last year, activist Charm Tong, a campaigner for the minority Shan state in Burma, reported in a publication, "License to Rape," on the rape of 625 Shan women by the Burmese military: "We can't believe how human beings can be treated like that," she said. Cited by Time magazine as one of its Asian Heroes of 2005, she said, "The regime does not want the world to know what's happening to the people, but the women's voices will be heard."

Recently a Washington Post editorial stated: "The global response thus far has been lackadaisical .... China, which has more influence in Burma than any other country has, needs to decide whether it wants to host the 2008 Olympics as the enabler of one of the world's nastiest regimes or as a peace-maker."

Indeed, Burma's fate lies in the balance.

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Two 'explosive' events

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

TWO THINGS HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRY while I was in Israel. One was the explosion at Glorietta, the other, perhaps bigger explosion, was President Macapagal-Arroyo's pardon of Erap.

Of the first, after the initial shock and dismay, my first instinct was to call home to ask if anyone I knew had been injured in the blast. Having been reassured that everyone I cared deeply about wasn't in the vicinity of Glorietta that day, my interest in the tragedy slipped into a more detached, though still concerned mode. We even managed to crack pathetic jokes.

Staring at the exploded "kassam" rockets on display at the police station of Sderot, the border town that has borne the brunt of the rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip, I speculated that maybe one of those rockets was responsible for the Glorietta blast. "That wasn't a kassam rocket," replied Lou Solijon of the Bishops-Ulama Conference who was part of the Philippine delegation. "That was a gassam," referring to later reports that it wasn't a bomb but a gas leak that caused the tragedy.

Erap's pardon was another thing altogether. It was difficult to adopt a detached demeanor toward this dismaying development. When a member of our group showed me a text message about GMA's decision, I couldn't help but utter a curse, in the native language, of course, for the benefit of our American and Israeli hosts. When I managed to get online, I found my in-boxes crammed with indignant statements and calls for action. A friend even had a clever, if bitter, comparison to make. Paris Hilton, he said, who spent a few days in jail on DUI charges, paid a higher price for her misdemeanor than Erap, "who hasn't spent a single day in a real jail."

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INDEED, that was one thing I couldn't understand about this premature pardon. It wasn't as if Erap had been languishing in a primitive jail all these years. His rest house in Tanay is more comfortable and lavish than the homes of perhaps 99 percent of the population.

"But no matter how plush his accommodations, he still didn't enjoy his freedom," someone in the group reminded. Well, yes, his movements were under some form of control, but he could meet with anyone he wanted, and even got in touch with the media when he wanted to. The soft treatment he was getting was already sending ambiguous messages to the people, especially about the nature of his crime and the government's resolve to root out corruption.

How could we convince government officials and civil servants that corruption doesn't pay when they could look forward to being coddled and pardoned even after being convicted following a lengthy trial? Why the rush, and what deals were brokered in the period between Erap's conviction and GMA's hasty forgiveness?

The President could very well have waited until her last day in office in 2010 before issuing the pardon, and even then Erap would not have served his rightful sentence. But by then we would have been well and truly rid of her—unless staying in office beyond her term was the point of that exercise.

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BEFORE I left for London earlier this month, I got my hands on a new cell phone, a Sony Ericsson T650i. I asked my children to program the phone for me, then walk me through its functions. Assuming concerned expressions, they asked if I was sure I wanted to leave my old, reliable Nokia behind and venture forth with a new phone which I might not be able to operate.

I'm glad to report that I managed very well with the T650i, thank you. Even if for insurance, I brought along the owner's manual and reviewed it periodically, especially while killing time in airport terminals. A fellow journalist also covering the "Women Deliver" conference in London oohed and aahed over the phone, saying she's always wanted to own a "green phone," referring to the phone's green metallic exterior, not to any special environmental feature it had.

I must add, though, that I still haven't optimized the phone, since it comes loaded with more features and functions than my non-techie mentality can take. Perhaps it's time for another tutorial with my kids!

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CALL this trip my "techie" challenge. I also brought along my Sony digital camera, which, as I had written some months back, was supposed to be a birthday gift to me but which I hardly used because I couldn't make heads or tails of the owner's manual.

Before I left, the hubby gave me an intensive hands-on seminar, but while abroad I found I could do little more than take shots and review the pictures I took. Some companions tried to teach me the zoom and edit features, but for fear of inadvertently deleting some shots, I stuck to my idiot-proof routine.

Our hosts in Israel were quite impressed with the wide array of cameras we Filipinos brought along—ranging from cell-phone cameras to Jiggy Manicad's video-cam. But with 10 cameras fielded each time we wanted a group picture, the "*kodakan*" was eating up so much time. To save time, our coordinator Jim Busis made up a rule about one camera being used for every group picture, and then used the fact that most group photos were taken by his camera to "blackmail" us into turning in our evaluation forms, or else he wouldn't e-mail them to us as he promised.

Still, I must acknowledge the wonderful hosting job that the Project Interchange staff performed. Our Israeli guide, Ofer Ashkenazi, also enriched our understanding of his land with his personal stories and anecdotes.

I'm fully aware of the "agenda" behind our visit, as well as the agenda of each speaker we met. We cannot even hope to understand this complex situation after a brief tour, no matter how intensive. But it is the beginning of understanding, and the seeding of ties to this historic, complicated land.

A Halloween tale

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo

SEARCHING FOR HISTORICAL MATERIAL RELEVANT to Halloween was a bit difficult because I had used the little I know in previous Halloween columns. None of our heroes had *aswang* stories to share and the closest we can get to something supernatural is in Jose Rizal's nightmares, particularly one that has him descending into the bowels of the earth and entering a room full of people in white, then taking a closer look at the seated group and recognizing them as friends and family long dead. We have a handful of *anting-anting* tales involving historical personalities from Emilio Aguinaldo to Ferdinand Marcos, but these are best left for Holy Week which is traditionally believed to be the time to get or re-charge amulets.

Surfing the Net, the so-called "White Lady of Balete Drive" still makes it to the top of the list. This must be one of our most enduring urban legends. The Balete Drive ghost is a hoax, like the Code of Kalantiao, but then myth seems to be more permanent than history.

I was surprised to find a web-link soliciting Pinoy Ghost Stories in, of all places, the official website of the Republic of the Philippines. Someone obviously wanted to draw people into the site and started a forum on ghost stories, but nobody took the bait. Imagine a chain of ghost stories on a site whose main pop-up picture is that of a smiling Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo resplendent in a blue terno. Sick joke it may be, but the government website directs surfers to another site called momoo.com or something like that.

Our editorial assistant requested a column on *aswang* and *manananggal*, leading me to a forgotten monograph published by the Philippine Folklore Society in 1971 entitled, "The Aswang Syncrasy in Philippine Folklore With Illustrative Accounts in Vernacular Texts and Translations," by the late Maximo D. Ramos. The same author gave me many chills as a boy with his illustrated book entitled, "Creatures of Midnight," which had a flying *manananggal* on the cover. Trust academics to take the sting out of anything, including things that go bump in the night; I wouldn't have opened this book with a sick yellow and green color if not for the *aswang* tales it contained.

In 1968, Ramos assigned his students to do some interviews and write down the *aswang* accounts they gathered on 5 x 8 cards. The harvest was rich and covered many regions. The tales were recorded in the original Philippine languages of the informants. Reading this book as a grade-school boy frightened me no end because, instead of hearing the same tales from our *yaya* who used the *aswang* to get us into bed or eat our vegetables, here was material that sounded so real.

One can only wonder if we will get the same result if we assigned students to compile *aswang* stories today. Last I heard, informants were talking about *manananggals* having a difficult time looking for victims in urban areas where electricity removes the cover of darkness. To further complicate things, TV antennas and electric wires make nocturnal flight challenging.

For whatever its worth, here is one tale for Halloween. Inmaculada B. Blancaflor, 32, from Ilocos Sur, got this from Teofista Búmagat, 19, a maid from Dueñas, Iloilo.

"There was a soldier who got lost in Dueñas, a barrio in Iloilo. Because he knew someone there named Sario, he decided to go to Sario's house. 'Sario, Sario, this is your soldier friend Ruben, may I sleep here for the night?'

"He was let in and led into the only room in Sario's house. He noticed that there were many people in the house. 'I did not know you had many visitors, it is very embarrassing,' said the soldier.

'They are friends of my mother, and by and by they will leave,' answered Sario.

"When Ruben was asleep, he was suddenly awakened by a peculiar smell. He heard movements in the room and then he felt something touching him. He saw that it was a big bat. He pulled out his bolo and shouted, '*Ikaw, yawa ka! Patiyon kita karon!*' Then he called Sario.

"When Sario came into the room, the bat and the smell disappeared. Sario left the room.

"After a while, Ruben again felt something touching his body. It felt like the tip of a sharp needle. He shouted and brought out his bolo. Sario came into the room again and said, 'Mother! Don't fool around here.'

"Ruben got scared and decided to leave the house. The moon was full and bright as he came out of his room. By its light he saw bodies in the sala, cut through the waist with no heads. He hurriedly took salt and sprinkled it on all the cut bodies. Then he left the house.

"He decided to spend the night in another house and there he learned that the mother of Sario was the head of *aswang* in barrio Dueñas, and it was in Sario's house that the *aswang* periodically met."

Read in today's context, a young man in a strange house being touched in the dark will not conjure up images of an *aswang*. Somehow there is something quite sexual about vampire tales, and I leave more competent comment on this to my neighbor Michael Tan.

Maximo D. Ramos' *aswang* research is not just a study of past folklore, but also a way to see how far we have changed in our beliefs and fears since 1968 and how we continue to change till the *aswang* truly becomes an old wives' tale.

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Census of 1902

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan

WITH A NATIONAL CENSUS GOING ON, I THOUGHT I'D go back and review one of the most comprehensive censuses ever done in the Philippines. This was done in 1902. The Americans invaded the Philippines in 1898, but it took some time for them to "pacify" the islands before a census could be taken. When they got to that, in March and April of 1902, a cholera epidemic had broken out, nearly wiping out entire villages. The colonial government persisted, fielding their armies of census-takers to collect vital information and to uncover the potentials of the islands.

The Americans knew there was more to this than counting people. They needed, quite literally, to take stock of their new colony, and they counted everything and processed the statistics all without computers. What did they count? Well there was livestock, which included 640,871 carabaos (almost one for every 10 Filipinos!) and 1.1 million swine. The Americans, of course, had their eyes on our natural resources and, for starters, they were awed by nearly 1,000 billion (figure out the zeroes) feet of forest timber and rich mineral deposits.

Quieter

A full report on the census was issued within three years, and consisted of four volumes, with a total of 3,000 pages, filled with statistical tables, maps and photographs. More than cold statistics, the census report offers us glimpses into Filipino daily life. Imagine now what life was like at that time—the sights, even the sounds.

At the level of demographics or population, our islands (the Americans only counted 3,141 at that time, while recognizing that there were probably many more still to be counted) were certainly much less congested. The total population was 7.6 million, compared to nearly 90 million today. Put another way, the country's total population then was only half of what we have today in Metro Manila.

It must have been much more quiet then, with fewer people, practically no motor vehicles and certainly no karaoke. The country was divided into about 13,400 barrios, the basic administrative unit, the largest of which was Manila with a population of 220,000, while the smallest were described as having "a score or two of people." Besides Manila, there were only three other "big" cities, each with a population of between 10,000 and 20,000: Laoag, Iloilo, Cebu and Nueva Caceres. Nueva Caceres? There's one of your quiz shows—that was the original name of Naga.

The Americans divided the population into the "civilized" and the "wild." The "civilized" were classified into eight "tribes": the Tagalogs, Ilocanos, Cagayans, Zambalans, Pampangans, Pangasinans, Bicols and Visayans. The "wild tribes," numbering about 650,000, were the non-Christian groups including "Mohammedans" (a misnomer for Muslims).

Most Filipinos were involved in agriculture, many as tenants or serfs and day laborers. Besides the agricultural laborers, the main wage-earning occupations included weavers and spinners (producing fine textiles like *jusi*, *piña* and *sinamay*) and factory workers. There were few factories; even in Manila, these were mainly for cigars and liquor, and a few lumber mills. There was one brewery, and you can guess which one that was. Buy and sell activities were still minimal, merchants accounting for only 4 percent of the total population.

Literacy and health

There were some 40 newspapers but literacy levels were very low so, the total—note total—circulation of all these newspapers was less than 70,000. There were sharp gender differences in the literacy rate, with only 10 percent of females able to read and write, compared to 30 percent for the males. Most people could speak only their local language. Remember Tagalog was not decreed as the national language until 1935. Spanish was spoken only by a tiny minority and English was practically unknown.

The census did note that the young children attending schools were already picking up English quickly. No wonder, since English was compulsory. There were 3,000 schools, mostly at the primary or elementary level. A bit more than half were public, and about 10 percent were Catholic religious schools, mostly at the secondary level. There were very few tertiary educational institutions.

The public schools were described as "large," meaning they were handling "as many" as 120 students. If only the American colonizers could see our schools today, where one classroom, not one school, might have 120 students!

The total number of teachers was 5,925, of which nearly two-thirds were men, which was not surprising given that even among the students, three-fourths were boys. Times have changed, with females now accounting for the majority of both students and teachers, at all levels in our educational system.

I was particularly interested in the health situation. The Americans noted that in the years when there were no epidemics, the death rates were actually not too bad even when compared to the United States. Epidemics, however, were disastrous: the 1902 cholera epidemic doubled the usual death rate in the country.

The death rates among the young were astronomical. Nearly half of the children born in a year would die before the age of 5. (Today, the death rate is slightly below 5 for every 100 children born each year.)

In 1902, cholera caused 31 percent of all deaths, followed closely by malaria, which accounted for 27 percent. Tuberculosis accounted for about 7 percent. Other main causes of death were epilepsy (probably including childhood convulsions that were not necessarily epilepsy), dysentery and diarrheal diseases, smallpox and beri-beri (a vitamin B deficiency). Strangely, pneumonia, which is today's main cause of death among Filipinos, was practically unknown in the Philippines during the early 20th century.

It's striking that "pauperism" (begging) was "almost unknown," and this was attributed to the simple and few basic needs people had at that time, as well as their being able to run to relatives for assistance. The census noted that the number of Filipinos who had to be cared for by the government was only one-fifth the rate of the United States.

Crime rates were also low. The country had 5,395 prisoners or 8 per 10,000 inhabitants, low when compared to 13 per 10,000 in the United States. Bilibid was already around, with 1,787 inmates sentenced to long prison terms. Their main crimes? Murder, homicide and manslaughter, theft and robbery and sedition. That last category stands out, reminding us that the Americans were still trying to subjugate the islands, and that there were Filipinos in prison because they were resisting the colonizers.

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AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GOVERN ADVERTISEMENT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, there is a need to revisit and accordingly, to revise certain portions of the present Rules on Advertisement Approval to address the recent proliferation of advertisements in various forms of media vis-à-vis the right of the buying public to be protected against misleading or fraudulent information on projects advertised for sale;

WHEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED,** as it is hereby **RESOLVED,** that the Revised Rules and Regulations for Advertisement Approval be **APPROVED**.

APPROVED this 20th day of September 2007 at Makati City.

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REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GOVERN ADVERTISEMENT APPROVAL

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5, c of Executive Order No. 648, as amended by Executive Order No. 90, the following Rules and Regulations are hereby promulgated to implement Section 19 Presidential Decree No. 957.

Rule I
General Provisions

SECTION 1. Scope of Application. These Rules and Regulations shall apply to all applications for Advertisement Approval for the following projects Issued Certificate Of Registration And License To Sell, hereinafter referred to collectively as Project:

a. Residential/commercial condominium and subdivision
b. Farmlot subdivision
c. Industrial subdivision
d. Memorial park
e. Columbarium project
f Any other similar project

Advertisement as referred to in this Rules shall mean any form of information dissemination, whether through words, illustrations, scaled models for public display or in any form of multi-media.

RULE II
APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT

SECTION 2. Advertisement Approval. Approval of the advertisement is required prior to its distribution, display and/or publication/broadcast.

SECTION 3. Who may apply. Every owner/developer who wishes to advertise any of the projects enumerated in Section 1 shall file an application for advertisement approval.

SECTION 4. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. The following requirements are to be submitted by the owner/developer:

a. Two (2) copies of notarized application for advertisement
b. At least two (2) copies of the proposed advertisement material
c. One (1) copy of CR/LS of the project
d. Marketing agreement between owner/developer and broker/salesman, if applicable

SECTION 5. Contents Of Advertisement. The following shall be indicated/reflected in the advertisement:

a. The exact location of the project in terms of distance from a well known reference point;
b. The License to Sell Number and date issued;
c. Project completion date per approved work program
d. Maximum selling price in case of economic and socialized housing projects;
e. The name(s) of the owner(s)/developer(s) of the project;
f. Pictures or illustrations if any shall be captioned as "actual photographs", "architect's perspective" or "artist's illustrations", as the case may be.

SECTION 6. What Should Not Be Included In The Advertisement. The following shall not be included in the advertisement:

1. Disclaimer(s)
2. Any future development not covered by the license to sell
3. Exaggerations or misleading information

SECTION 7. Advertisement Approval. The Board shall issue the Advertisement Approval when all the requirements of sections 4 to 6 are complied with.

The approval shall consist of a letter from the HLURB Regional Officer stating approval of the advertisement material and authority to publish, display, distribute or announce the same, and further stating therein all other conditions as may be imposed. The letter of approval and the approved copy of advertisement material shall in all instances bear the HLURB seal. Further, the latter shall be stamped "approved" indicating date and duly signed by the regional officer.

Any deviation from the approved contents of the advertisement material shall be a violation of the conditions of the approval and a ground for revocation of the approval.

SECTION 8. Warranties. The owner or developer shall be answerable and liable for the facilities, improvements, infrastructures or other forms of development represented or promised in brochures, advertisements and other sales propaganda disseminated by the owner or developer or his agents and the same shall form part of the sales warranties enforceable against said owner or developer, jointly and severally. Failure to comply with these warranties shall also be punishable in accordance with the penalties provided for in PD 957.

RULE III
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 9. Fees. The Board shall collect fees in accordance with the approved Schedule of Fees which shall be collected upon filing of application.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. These Rules shall take effect immediately after its publication once in any newspaper of general circulation.

Code No. ______
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Dear Mr./Ms.

Relative to your request for approval of the attached proposed advertisement material of ________(Name of Project)__________________, located at _____________ (Address/Location)_____________, please be informed that the said ADVERTISEMENT MATERIAL IS APPROVED and AUTHORIZED FOR PUBLICATION, ANNOUNCEMENT, DISPLAY AND/OR DISTRIBUTION, subject to the following conditions:

/ / That no alteration/deviation shall be made on the approved advertisement material when the same is published/distributed;

/ / That the owner or developer shall be answerable and liable for the facilities, improvements, infrastructure or other sale propaganda disseminated by him or by his agents and the same shall form part of the sales warranties enforceable against said owner/developer, jointly severally;

/ / That the pictures or illustrations showing the Project, portion thereof or the facilities should be properly captioned as to whether said pictures are actual photographs taken on the site or merely architect's perspective or artist's illustrations;

/ / That statement, "This advertisement is approved and authorized by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB)" shall be indicated at the end of the text of the advertisements and/or in conspicuous space in the advertisement material;

/ / That any misrepresentation made in the advertisement material shall be a valid cause for revocation of this approval and all other sanctions.

It is further understood that any violation or non-compliance with the foregoing conditions shall subject the offender to the administrative and/or criminal penalties provided for under Section 38 and 39 of P.D. 957 and its Implementing Standards, Rules and Regulations.

Very truly yours,

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Regional Officer

OR NO. ______
DATE ______
AMOUNT ______
TIN OF THE OWNER/DEVELOPER:

APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT APPROVAL
(To be accomplished in duplicate)

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(Date)

The Regional Officer
Region ___________
Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board
__________ _____

Sir:

Pursuant to Section 19, of Presidential Decree No. 957 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations applies for approval of proposed advertisement for__________________________________ located at
(Name of Project)
____ _owned and developed by _____________________ __________ which is due for publication/ broadcasting/distribution/display on __________ __________
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Attached herewith are the following:

/ / 1. Two (2) copies of the proposed advertisement;
/ / 2. A copy of Certificate of Registration and License to Sell;
/ / 3. Marketing agreement between owner/developer and broker/salesman (as applicable).

(if the person/entity advertising is a real estate salesman, broker or dealer, the following additional requirements shall be submitted).

/ / 4. Certification from concerned HLURB Regional Officer that the applicant has not been issued Cease and Decease Order (CDO) for the project applied for.

I can be reached at
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Or through my representative ________ ____________________
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Partisanship no place in Congress probes

IS LAWYERING BY LEGISLATORS proper in Congress? In the impeachment proceedings against President Joseph Estrada in the Senate and against President Macapagal-Arroyo in the House, as well as the current Senate investigations on the NBN-ZTE broadband contract and the "Hello Garci" tapes, we have seen some senators and congressmen lawyering for the subjects of the congressional probes.

Before the courts and administrative bodies, it is proper for the litigants to be represented by counsels. More so in criminal proceedings. Even in legislative hearings, which may have a bearing on criminal matters, witnesses or "resource persons" may request for private counsel. And defense lawyers are usually paid by the defendant.

But the government prosecutors are paid by the people who are the complainants in "People vs John Doe." So are the legislators. And when they attend congressional investigations, their function is to draw out the "whole truth and nothing but the truth"—so that they are able to perform their legislation and oversight duties better. If at all, legislators have to view themselves as "lawyers," they should "lawyer" for the people who spend for their salaries and for the perks and privileges they enjoy.

In court and administrative proceedings, suppression of evidence is taboo. Lawyers who suppress evidence are punished. Congress has a wider leeway in obtaining information because the public interest covers a wide field. If the envelope supposedly containing evidence against President Estrada was not "suppressed" in his impeachment trial, there might have been no need to resort to extra-constitutional means to oust him. Those who voted against the opening of the envelope now claim that it contained nothing incriminating against Erap. Then they should admit responsibility for the people power against Erap and apologize to him.

Partisanship has no place in congressional investigations. Partisanship refers to party programs or platforms of political parties or groups. No political party advocates criminality, corruption or plunder. So when the Senate or the House of Representatives looks into cases of corruption, all legislators are expected to act objectively, as one, in order to expose the corruption and the corrupt. They are not supposed to obstruct justice or hide the truth.

In the Nixon impeachment trial by the US Senate, even President Richard Nixon's fellow Republicans went against him when it was clear he had committed a crime. The US Supreme Court denied Nixon's plea for executive privilege over the White House tapes. Nixon had to resign.

Legislators who lawyer for private interests in Congress betray the public trust or the interest of their client, the people. The People's Court will find ways to deal with them—as it did in the past—even outside the constitutional forums which they had desecrated and shattered.

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Trillanes cartoon has no basis

THE EDITORIAL CARTOON showing Sen. Antonio F. Trillanes IV thinking aloud that he needs to "rework" his "strategy of speaking without thinking" (INQUIRER, 10/24/07) may be an expression of opinion, but it is also a presumption of the senator's frame of mind toward his work. It has completely no basis.

It is flatly false because Trillanes did not whip out of thin air his charge that Norberto Gonzales and Hermogenes Esperon have something to do with the Glorietta 2 explosion. He has received credible and reliable information about this and is prepared to tell all that he knows and is ready to present his witnesses in an investigation to be conducted by an independent, impartial and credible body. He has, in fact, made a step further. He will present his witnesses in a Senate probe and has filed a resolution to this effect.

Why didn't Trillanes reveal his information to the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group? To this question, his answer is also a question: "Did we ever have a truly impartial investigation conducted by the Arroyo administration?"

The cartoon reveals the INQUIRER's seeming irritation that Trillanes made the charge without presenting any evidence or witnesses. We can understand this because the INQUIRER is in the business of gathering and delivering news, while the senator's duty is to uphold public interest by promoting transparency and accountability in governance regardless of whether or not the media report this.

That he jumped the gun on Malacañang with his charge is a strategy, all right, but it was done after much thought and reflection.

Lastly, the cartoon negates the INQUIRER's Oct. 21 editorial which said that "even the government itself has been put forward as a possible culprit" in the tragedy, "and what makes this significant is that the scenario has crossed the minds of ordinary citizens, not just the usual critics of the government." It further said that this is "a terrible indictment of the credibility of government that the public considers its high officials suspects in such a ruthless crime."

True, indeed, and it was Trillanes who narrowed down the list of potential suspects to Gonzales and Esperon because he believes his source and is convinced of the solidity of the testimony.

The INQUIRER editorial further said that "this harsh, cruel reality must be confronted by the administration" which "must move heaven and earth to mount a credible, transparent investigation." If this is the INQUIRER's admonition, why did it have to lampoon Trillanes, who is with the INQUIRER in calling for such an independent, impartial and credible probe?

It doesn't make sense, unless of course the cartoonist does not read the INQUIRER's editorials.

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RP not the 12th largest country

I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT the letter titled "Philippines is not small and weak" by Bruce Hall contains a lot of factual errors. (INQUIRER, 10/24/07)

According to the letter, "The Philippines is the 12th largest country in the world. It is larger than any European country. It is larger than any but one country in Africa."

These are all false. Sorted by total area, the Philippines is the 72nd biggest country in the world. European countries that are bigger than Philippines are Russia, France and Ukraine, to name a few. In Africa, there are more than one country bigger than the Philippines (e.g., Sudan, Niger and Angola). My source: the "UN Demographic Yearbook" (as of 4/16/07).

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Questions on unasked questions

IN THE OCT. 25 ISSUE OF THE INQUIRER, there was a letter titled, "What if gov didn't take the cash?"

I'm not a lawyer or a writer. In fact, I can't fathom the legal intricacies of this issue. But couldn't a citizen's arrest have been applied in this case?

If a person gives you a bag of money, isn't it obvious that it is in exchange for something? Can't we ask the person the purpose and the source of the gift? If someone brings something to your home, wouldn't you ask what is it for or who is it from? What if the gift is a bomb?

It just makes no sense that some people wait for the media to be around before they make statements and raise some questions which they could have immediately asked and the answers to which they could have immediately gotten.

Or maybe, they just want to use the media for publicity. Whatever their reasons, only they in their hearts know for sure.

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29 dead but polls peaceful, says PNP

By Inquirer Bureaus

A REELECTED BARANGAY CHAIRMAN IN CATARMAN, Northern Samar, was shot dead by three motorcycle-riding men several hours after he was proclaimed on Monday, police said.

Marcos Anquillo died from several bullet wounds at the Catarman General Hospital. Also killed was Roger Reyes, a barangay tanod, who was standing beside Anquillo in front of the University of Eastern Philippines just 100 meters from the polling precincts.

Fewer killings

Their attackers fled. At least 14 empty shells were recovered from the scene.

Eastern Visayas regional director, Adolfo Ibañez said the killing could be "politically motivated." "Anquillo was a barangay leader and the incident took place while the elections were going on," he said.

But he said Monday's barangay elections in the region had been generally peaceful despite this incident.

In Shariff Kabunsuan, village chair Samsudin Lumbos of Balut, Sultan Mastura town, was gunned down by still unidentified men hours after he was proclaimed winner.

Lumbos was visiting friends and relatives in nearby Sultan Kudarat town when attacked near the town hall around 11:30 p.m. Monday.

Lumbos was shot twice in the chest and died while being rushed to a hospital here.

The PNP, however, said the elections were the most peaceful in the country's history so far since only 29 people were reported killed in election-related attacks.

Most peaceful

In 2002, the death toll in the barangay elections was 144, the PNP said.

Failure of election was declared in some villages in Abra and in Northern Samar, after armed men harassed voters there.

In Isabela, a teacher who served in the elections died while three of her colleagues were hurt after their tricycle hit a pile of gravel along a road and fell in an irrigation canal in Cauayan City on Monday night.

Bernadette Alcaide, a member of the board of election inspectors in Barangay Daburrab, died when her head hit the pavement.

Heated

Alcaide and three of her companions were on their way back to Daburrab after delivering ballot boxes to the Cauayan City Hall when they met the accident.

In Barangay Tabacda in Tubo, Abra, poll mediators failed to calm down rival candidates during the elections, prompting them to stop the voting.

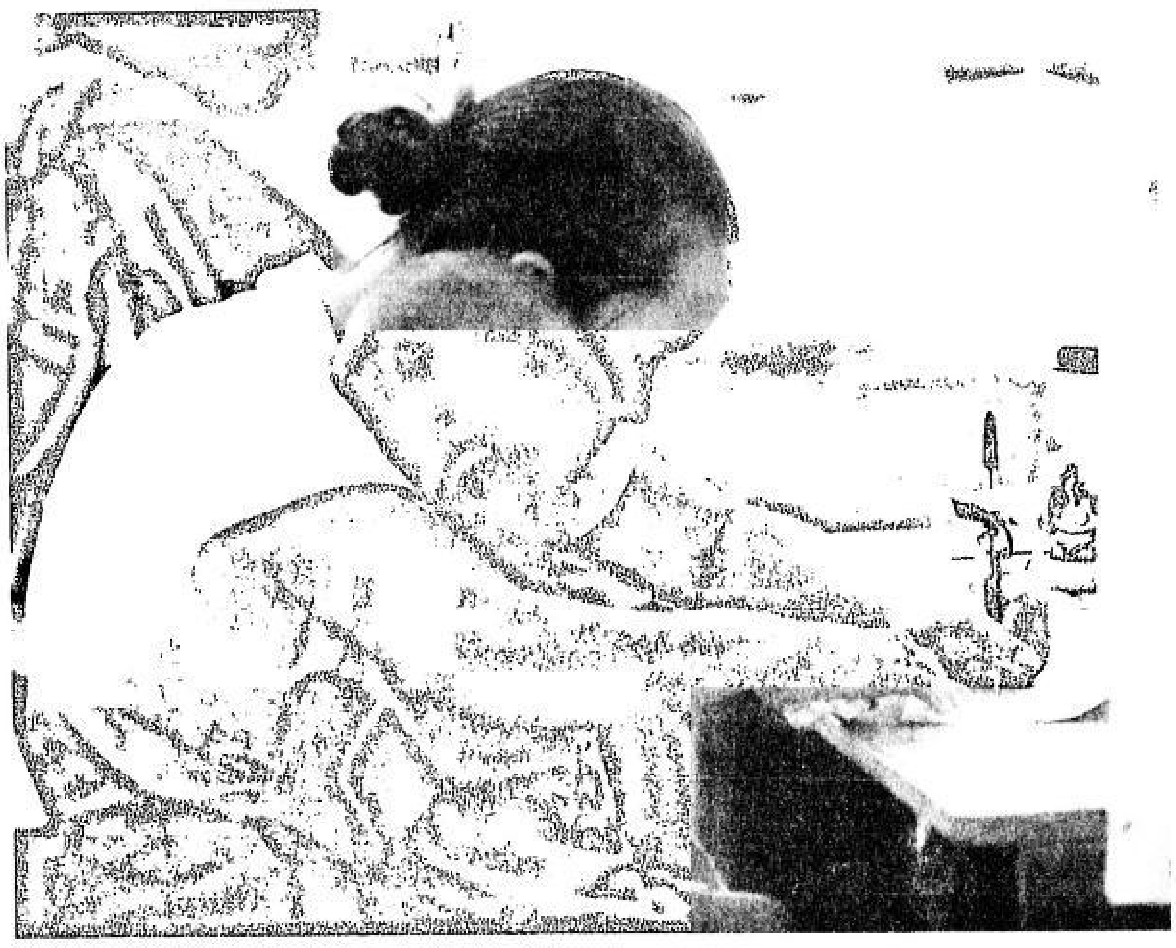
Election officials encountered a similar problem in a village in Lubuagan, Kalinga, but cooler heads prevailed so counting was able to proceed on Tuesday, said lawyer Armando Velasco, Commission on Elections director in the Cordillera.

"The elections often heat up by the time the teachers start counting the ballots, and often it is because of friction among neighbors who are also family members or tribe members, and it gets more passionate," he said.

He said police are investigating a murder attempt against a candidate for barangay captain in the capital town of Bangued on Sunday night.

In Northern Samar, election supervisor Nonita Azadon said failure of election was declared in Barangay Balicuatro, a hinterland village of Lavazares town.

She said armed men forcibly snatched one ballot box while voting was ongoing. "The members of the board of election tellers and the people there scampered away from the polling precinct due to this ballot snatching," she said.



A WOMAN votes with her child in tow in Bacoor, Cavite.

ROGER MARGALLO

In Digos City, a few hours after polling precincts closed on Monday, most streamers and posters put up by candidates and their supporters were gone in a snap.

Use of force

But no, politicians and their supporters did not suddenly become environment conscious. There were still small pieces of paper littering schools where the balloting was held as of Tuesday.

At the Magsaysay Elementary School in the city, for example, people like Tatay Ampok were responsible for cleaning most of the mess.

Ampok, 61, is a known scrap buyer in Digos. "I brought my children here too so they could help salvage things that can still be recycled and sold to traders," he said.

Trash trove

Among those that Ampok's children had collected, aside from the bamboo and wooden poles, were streamers fashioned out of rice sacks and other plastic materials.

"We can make grocery bags out of these materials and then we can sell it for P5 per piece at the market," he said in the vernacular.

"That bamboo pole could be sold to those who have fighting cocks but these wooden poles can be used to repair our house."

The INQUIRER learned that the salvaging of recyclable campaign materials also became a fad in many areas, shortly after polling precincts closed.

Armed members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) also reportedly showed up in some polling precincts in Shariff Kabunsuan and scared away Board of Election Tellers (BETs).

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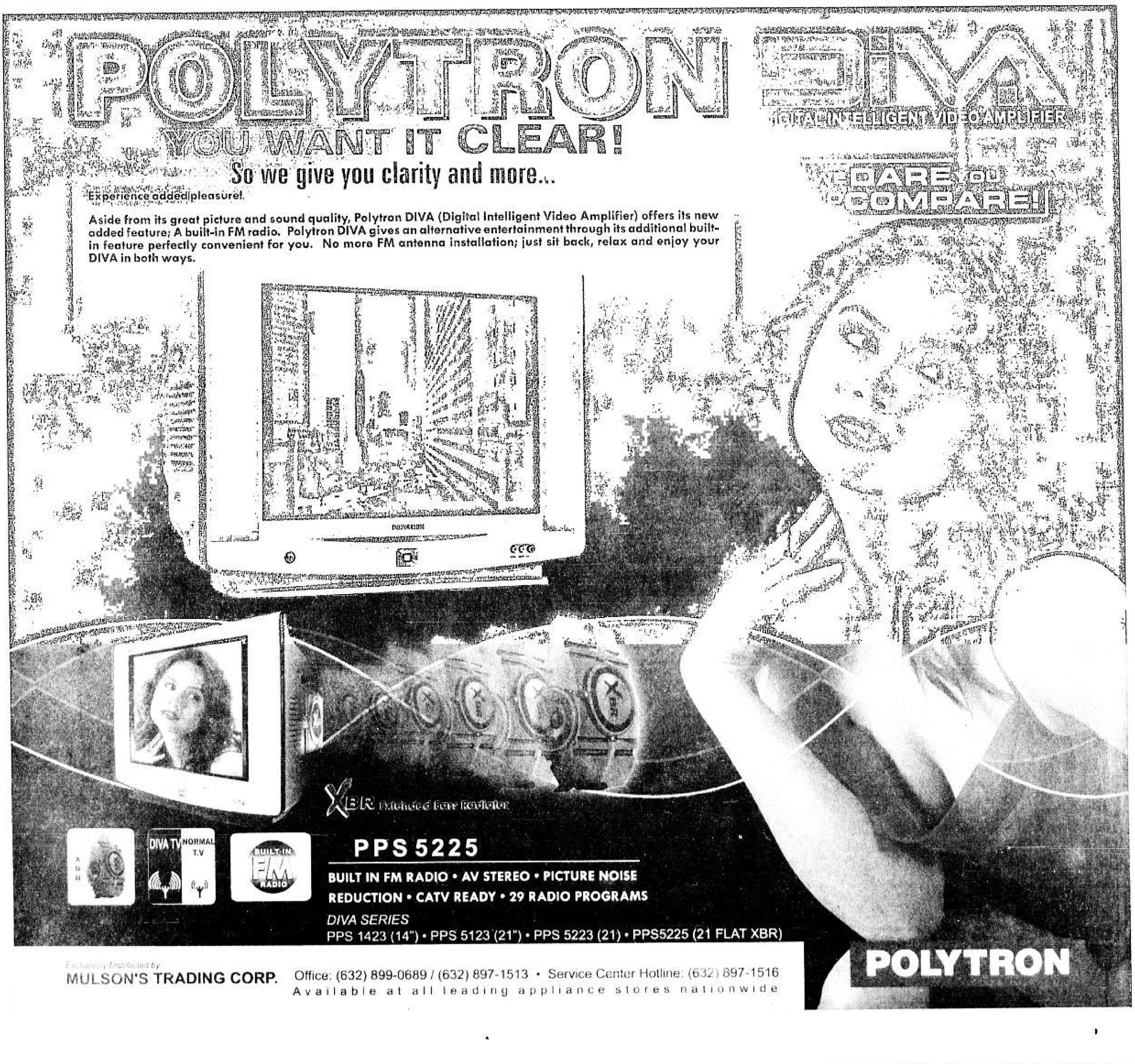

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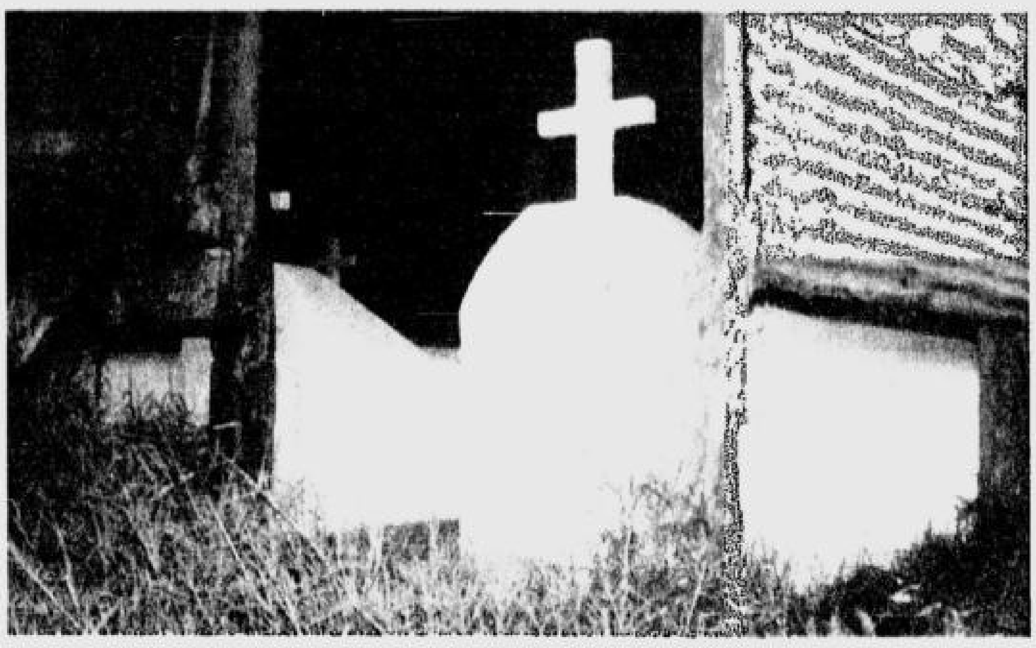

THE TOMBS of Luisa Calgo Calado and her mother Tani Calado are housed in the middle of a strawberry field in Barangay Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet. DELMAR CARIÑO

Funeral homes taboo for tribes

By Delmar Cariño
La Trinidad, Benguet

CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT of funeral parlors in La Trinidad, Benguet, have provoked discussions pitting traditional beliefs against the pressing need for modern-day approaches of treating the dead.

Officials say the proposal of the Federation of La Trinidad Senior Citizens Association (FLTSCA) for the local government to build a funeral parlor is timely, adding that the people are now ready to accept the industry.

But others believe that funeral homes are taboo.

The FLTSCA insists though that tradition has to give way to modernity and asks officials to look for a suitable place to establish funeral homes and appropriate funds for their construction.

In a resolution, it says no funeral homes have been built since after World War II, either by the municipal government or by any private enterprise. There were attempts to put up funeral homes in the past but the plans were shelved after elders opposed them, it said.

The elders invoked bad omen that the industry would bring—that funeral homes would cause more deaths to the community.

Objection

Why the vehement objection?

"Our custom is to bring home our dead. The old folks also frowned upon embalming, a funeral parlor service," says Board Member Juan Nazarro Jr., who is an Ibaloi lawyer from Bokod town.

Board Member Apolinario Camsol, who is a Kankanaey lawyer from Buguias town, agrees. During the wake, he says, "animals are butchered and rituals are made which cannot be done in a funeral home."

Dr. Norma Pacalso, provincial health officer, says the hospitals would rather keep silent on the federation's proposal. "These hospitals do not have funeral homes. Not even a resident embalmer. That's not part of the hospital's job. We are not legally allowed to do that," she says.

"If a patient dies in the hospital, the relatives are advised to bring the body home. They could seek the help of funeral homes in Baguio City and also hire the services of embalmers there," Pacalso says.

Need

But she says today's times and growing population justified the need for funeral homes in Benguet.

The senior citizens say it is high time that the town must have a funeral home.

According to their resolution, new technology has ushered in a new system "that practically changes the mood, attitude and lifestyle of the people." That justifies the need for a funeral parlor "without necessarily violating the centuries old doctrine of beliefs, customs and traditions of the elders of the community."

The municipal council favors the resolution. But Councilor Thomas Chamos, committee chair on public utilities and health, says local governments could not initiate the putting up of a funeral parlor since it is a commercial venture.

"There is no local government unit in the entire country that operates, maintains and manages a funeral home," he says. "It must be a private sector led project or business."

Realistic

"We have to be realistic. Before, the old folks were allergic to funeral homes and embalming because the belief was that they would make the dead restless. But now, health reasons and a growing population demanded the need for funeral homes," he says.

Former Vice Gov. Wasing Sacla wants the issue put to rest.

"Funeral homes are not really a taboo. By practice, the dead would have to be brought home because he has a home. A wake inside a funeral parlor would raise questions among elders about the propriety of holding the wake outside of the dead man's house," he says.

"*Eyawen da* (They will criticize it)," he says.

Sacla, 68, knows his culture. His father was a *mambunong* (native priest) from whom he learned about the province's practices.

Before Sacla was elected to public office, then Gov. Ben Palispis had appointed him cultural officer. Sacla spent five years researching Benguet's traditions and rituals. In the 1980s, he wrote the book, "Treasury of Beliefs and Home Rituals of Benguet," now a reference in local libraries.

Today's situations have justified the need for funeral homes in the province, he says. "Houses have become crowded. And more deaths are happening. Traditional beliefs would not find a funeral parlor offensive."

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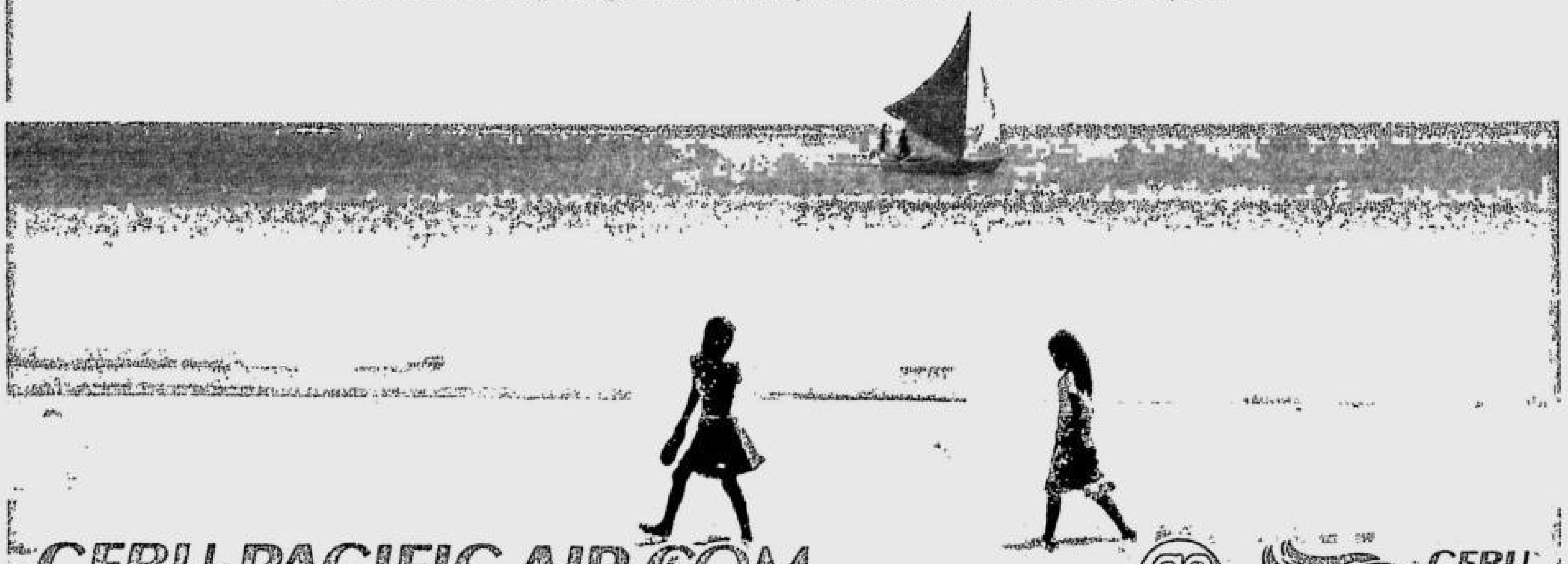

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Judiciary flexes muscles on extrajudicial killings

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rifle butts and whips, the water poured into their nostrils until they could no longer breathe, the rotten food they were forced to eat.

The Manalo brothers claim they had seen in a military facility Sherlyn Cadapan, 29, and Karen Empeño, 22, both students of the University of the Philippines, who disappeared on June 26, 2006. The families of the two students believe the military abducted them.

The brothers also say they witnessed the murder of the students' companion, Manuel Merino, 57.

"The fact that they know what they know, they saw what they saw, puts them at risk," says FLAG lawyer Ricardo Sunga. "People can just be killed. It's something we have to guard against."

The Supreme Court, alarmed by the rising number of forced disappearances and extrajudicial executions, has taken unprecedented moves to protect the Manalo brothers, who were arrested in their San Ildefonso, Bulacan, homes on Valentine's Day last year by Cafgu thugs.

The court has issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) forbidding the military from moving against the two men without valid reason. The military has insisted it has nothing to do with the abduction of the brothers, as it has denied it has Karen and Sherlyn in its custody.

Surface Sherlyn, Karen and all desaparecidos!
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RELEASE THEM: Family and friends, carrying pictures of their missing loved ones, file a petition for the writ of amparo (or protection) at the Supreme Court in Manila. They believe this is their last chance to find their loved ones.

REM ZAMORA

Writ of amparo

Wielding powers under the 1987 Constitution, the Supreme Court also promulgated the writ of amparo—taken from the Spanish word "protect"—widely used in Latin America where widespread human rights violations were committed by military dictators.

Under the measure, military or police authorities will no longer be able to simply deny involvement in abductions or extrajudicial killings. Authorities must prove they are not involved and open their detention facilities to inspection upon court orders.

On Oct. 24, the writ of amparo took effect. It will allow the brothers to seek refuge in the Supreme Court after rejecting the witness protection program of the Department of Justice, saying it is just an arm of the institution harassing them.

The Manalo brothers also urged the formation of an independent commission to investigate their detention and torture.

Affront to rule of law

Chief Justice Reynato Puno justifies the unprecedented exercise of powers granted the high tribunal under the new Constitution, which was crafted to protect Filipinos from a repetition of the excesses under the martial law rule of the late President Ferdinand Marcos.

Puno says the nation has never been confronted by a surge of extrajudicial executions since the overthrow of the Marcos regime.

"It's only in the last several years that this problem confronted us and it's a very serious problem, serious enough to draw the attention of the United Nations and human rights groups all over the world," Puno says in an interview with the INQUIRER.

"These extralegal killings and enforced disappearances constitute an affront to the rule of law. If people take justice in their own hands, that is the best repudiation of the role of the courts in protecting the rights of the people.

"Because of that, we thought it's high time to use this new power precisely given by the Constitution to respond to this kind of challenge," he says. "If this new power, this greater power is not wielded by the judiciary, I like to think the judiciary could be charged with dereliction."

Deficit of response

The left-leaning rights group Karapatan counts more than 800 victims of extrajudicial executions since Ms Arroyo became President in 2001, including fatalities in armed encounters. (The INQUIRER figure is 300). Karapatan lists another 196 cases of disappearances.

"If the problem is there, it shows there is a deficit of response by the entire government, the judiciary included," Puno says.

"I think the history of the 1987 Constitution would bear out the fact that the clear intent is to give the Supreme Court more checking powers in order to examine and invalidate acts of the two other branches of government which contravene the Constitution," Puno says.

"In that sense, you can conclude the intention of the 1987 Constitution is to make the court an activist court."

Since he took over the helm of the Supreme Court on Dec. 6, 2006, the 67-year-old Puno has put substance to this mandate.

Writ of data

In July, Puno convened a summit that included officials of all three government branches and the military and police top brass in a bid to find solution to political killings.

The rules on the writ of amparo were announced by the Supreme Court a month after the Manalo brothers attempted to seek sanctuary in the high tribunal.

The magistrates are also crafting a writ of data that will compel the military and police to release documents needed by victims of rights abuses in court proceedings.

Together with the writ of habeas corpus that directs the military to bring before the court persons charged with offenses, the writs of amparo and data could provide ample protection of Filipinos' basic rights.

Never again

Cesar Villanueva, Ateneo Law School dean, says the 1987 Constitution gave the judiciary the power to prevent the recurrence of the martial law experience, when many disappeared, were tortured or arbitrarily detained with nary a protest from the other branches of government.

The new Constitution sets a precedent, says Villanueva, "to make sure never again will our Supreme Court be used as a rubber stamp or as a means to give a semblance of constitutionality to a regime."

Amado Valdez, law dean of the University of the East, says the magistrates under the Puno court do not act like "monks in an ivory tower" but "people with feet on the ground."

"In that context, the Supreme Court is activist, activist in its observation, activist in its response and actions," says Valdez.

Defining moment

Villanueva says that the July summit was a defining moment for the Supreme Court, taking the forefront in setting policy to end political killings, walking the tightrope, pushing the limits of what it can do as a coequal branch of government.

"Sometimes perhaps in our history, there's a need to take a chance in order that the others would also feel the sentiment of what our people want. And I suppose that was the felt need at that time the Supreme Court did that," he says.

"But the Supreme Court, by leading the way, just reflects I think most of what our public servants and officials want to do. They want to be responsive to what is happening," Villanueva says, dismissing criticism that the judiciary is usurping the powers of the legislature or the executive.

The real test

Puno believes the judiciary should continue to wield its constitutional powers for as long as the people's right to life and liberty is neglected, threatened and violated.

"Perhaps if we have a situation where the rights of the people are amply protected by all the branches of government, then you would have no need for a more active judiciary," Puno says.

So much hope has been placed on the writ of amparo. But Puno stresses that he does not expect human rights abuses to vanish overnight. "This is not a magic bullet," he says.

"The real test would be when the cases are filed and decided," says Villanueva.

Chief Justice Puno: An unlikely revolutionary

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declared in September 1972 on an opposition petition asking the high court to immediately act and stop Marcos from promulgating the decision of a rump plebiscite approving a new Constitution that gave him sweeping powers.

In the midst of the debate, news was relayed to the Supreme Court that Marcos—at that very moment—had just issued in Malacañang a decree proclaiming that the plebiscite had approved by viva voce vote the Constitution that he said was now in effect.

Caught flatfooted, the justices looked stunned.

"I told you," opposition leader Lorenzo Tañada said, wagging his forefinger at the justices, clad in black robes, arrayed before him at a quarter moon-shaped table behind a scarlet curtain.

A hush fell on the dimly lit court chamber.

The silver-haired former senator had led a battle before the high tribunal questioning the proclamation of martial law, the arrest of Marcos' opponents, the slide toward strongman rule.

The court later issued a decision declaring the petition argued by Tañada and the other opposition lights of the time—Jose W. Diokno, Francisco "Soc" Rodrigo, Jovito Salonga, Sedfrey Ordonez, Joker Arroyo—moot and academic.

Cloaked with the mantle of "constitutional authoritarianism," Marcos continued to rule the nation until the peaceful People Power Revolution of 1986 sent him into exile in Hawaii, where he died.

If the high tribunal then acted the supine way it did, it was because the 1935 Constitution of the Philippines did not allow it to look into political decisions of the President, the justices rationalized.

Roberto Concepcion, the Chief Justice when martial law was proclaimed, saw to it that in drafting the 1987 Constitution the judiciary would either be accorded equal powers with the legislative and executive, or become a sort of a primus inter pares, a first among equals.

Unprecedented moves

Since he took over the high tribunal in December 2006, Puno—who ironically was a participant in the perpetuation of Marcos' autocratic regime—has taken unprecedented moves to arrest what he regards as a drift toward dictatorial rule under President Macapagal-Arroyo.

In leading an activist role for the Supreme Court during a period of political turmoil, Puno believes that the tribunal should never again be a willing accomplice in putting the nation under a military boot.

Puno's predecessor, Artemio Panganiban, showed the way.

The Panganiban court issued landmark decisions against the Arroyo administration—repudiating acts committed when the President declared a state of national emergency following a coup attempt in February 2006, ordering her to allow government and military officials to participate in congressional hearings in aid of legislation and declaring illegal a preemptive ban on street protests.

Unmistakable signal

Dean Amado Valdez of the University of the East College of Law says the high court is sending an unmistakable signal to Ms Arroyo that she cannot use her powers for personal gain.

"Those in power can deduce it clearly that they're being warned," Valdez says. "Otherwise, if the Supreme Court has not been in this mold, then we could have easily gone into a martial law regime already, or a constitutional authoritarianism."

"The Supreme Court is guided by history. And this court wants to maintain its independence," he says. "What happened in the past should not happen again. If you had a vigilant Supreme Court then, the (Marcos) dictatorship would not have lasted for many, many years."

An umpire

While the high tribunal may seem to be flexing its muscles trying to probe the limits of its powers, some academics feel that Puno is simply playing the role of an "umpire."

It is a role that reflects the brooding personality of the 67-year-old chief magistrate, his adherence to the rule of law, his equanimity in the face of adversity.

Puno is a graduate of the University of the Philippines College of Law with a career spanning four decades as practicing lawyer, law professor, solicitor and magistrate.

The bespectacled widower is an unlikely revolutionary.

On April 16, 1977, a communist New People's Army guerrilla shot and killed his brother, Manila Court of First Instance Judge Isaac Puno Jr., at noon inside a restaurant in front of his family.

Four gunmen belonging to an armed group of the Communist Party of the Philippines were arrested and subsequently convicted of the murder.

The heart sometimes protests

Nine years after the killing, the widow of opposition leader Benigno Aquino Jr., Corazon, assumed power following the ouster of Marcos and freed jailed communist insurgents.

Puno concedes his family was unhappy to see the four killers of his brother released.

"What could we do," the writer Gregorio Brillantes quotes Puno as saying. "The government and leadership had made the decision, that granting them amnesty was for the greater good of our people."

"What the heart sometimes protests, the intellect and will must accept for the greater good of our people, if decided by a legal, duly constituted authority—a principle and conviction Justice Puno has made his own, at no little cost in blood and tears," Brillantes writes of Puno. *With a report from Leila B. Salaverria*

Abducted militant leader seeks SC protection

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Philippine National Police Director General Avelino Razon, the Office of the Ombudsman, Maj. Darwin Sy, Capt. Angelo Cuaresma, Supt. Edgar Roquero, Senior Insp. Arsenio Gomez, Jimmy Santana, Ruben Alfaro and a certain Jonathan.

The writ of amparo took effect on Oct. 24 and the rules for its issuance were promulgated by the high court as a response to the spate of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances.

Defense of denial removed

The writ removes from officials the defense of denial whenever they are accused of detaining a person, a problem that has led to the dismissal of petitions for habeas corpus.

The high court has already issued two writs of amparo, one in favor of two missing University of the Philippines students and their male companion, and the other in favor of two brothers-farmers who claimed that they had escaped from military detention.

No arrest warrant, charges

Hearings for the two writs have been scheduled for next week.

Rubrico was abducted on April 3, 2007, in Cavite allegedly by members of the 301st Air Intelligence and Security Squadron and detained at the latter's base in Lipa City.

Rubrico said she was arrested without a warrant and detained without charges before being released on April 10 in Dasmariñas, Cavite.

Harassment

Before her release, she was made to sign a statement in which she agreed to become a military asset. She also said in a statement that she was accused of being a communist and was asked to confirm if other people were, as well. She was also told that her grave was already ready.

In seeking the writ of amparo, Rubrico said that after her release, men wearing bonnets and ski masks followed her and monitored her house in Dasmariñas, Cavite, forcing Jean Aprouebo to leave the place.

Mary Joy Carbonel was allegedly harassed by Gomez by bringing her to beaches, texting her and interrogating her about Karapatan, prompting her to leave the family's Cavite home as well.

The petitioners noted that Gomez did not investigate Rubrico's arrest.

Rubrico said in an interview that she and her family had abandoned the house because of fears for their well-being.

Witnesses visited by agents

The petitioners also said the police failed to help them, while witnesses to Rubrico's abduction became afraid after being visited allegedly by government agents.

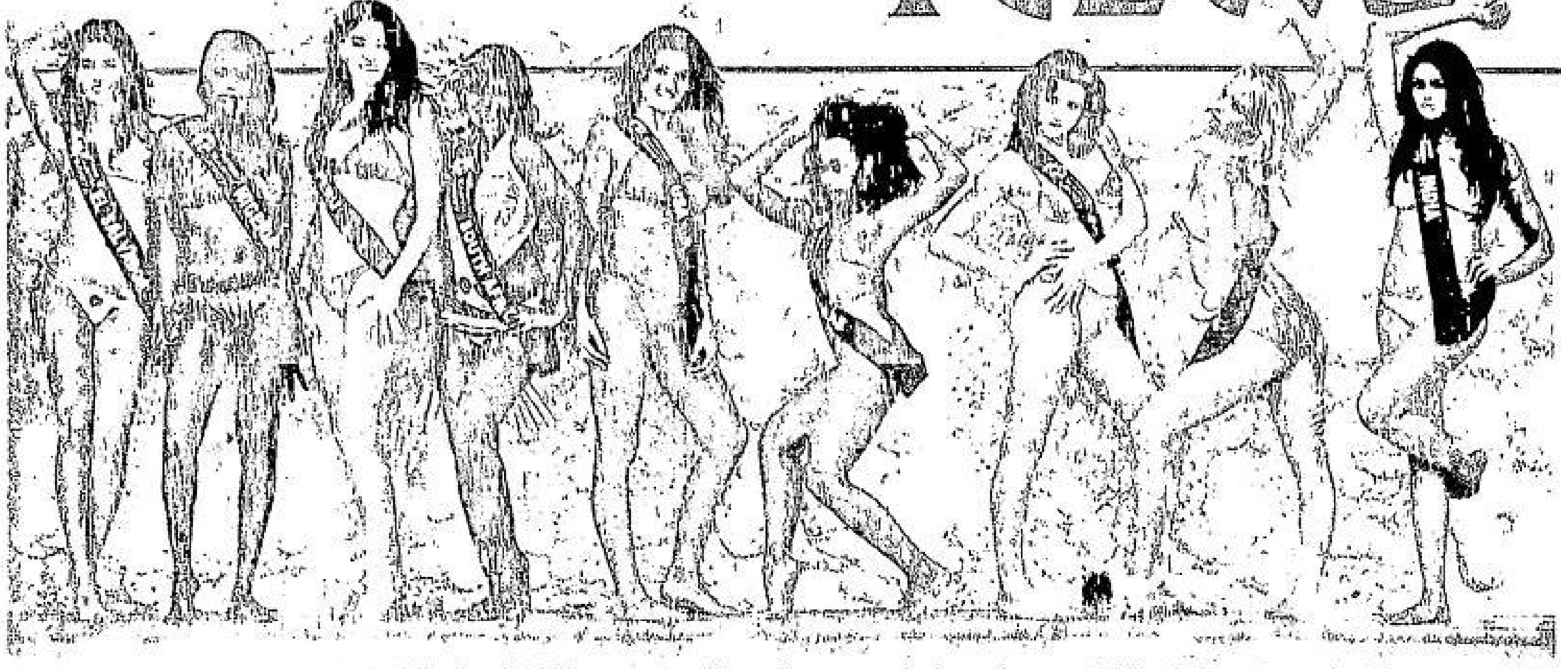
"The Dasmariñas police and the Cavite police did not do anything about the reported threats and harassment the family of Lourdes Rubrico and her two daughters had faced," the petitioners said.

The complaints that Rubrico filed with the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) and the Office of the Ombudsman against her abductors have not prospered, she and her daughters said.

The petitioners said the CHR investigation was stalled, "with the respondents never appearing before the hearing officer of the Commission."

Rubrico's criminal complaint, filed on April 20, 2007, is still pending in the Office of the Ombudsman, and the delay has placed her and her witnesses in danger, the petitioners said.

"[We] have exhausted all efforts legally available and that there is no other plain, speedy, and adequate remedy to protect the rights of the victims except by this application for a writ of amparo," they said.



REFRESHING. Candidates in the Miss Earth 2007 pageant strike various poses during a shoot at Golden Sunset Resort in Calatagan, Batangas. The contest final is on Nov. 11.
JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

AFTER ARREST

Joma opens door to talks with gov't

UTRECHT, THE NETHERLANDS—THE door is open to the resumption of peace talks between the government and communist rebels who have been waging a nearly 40-year insurgency, according to the exiled founder of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

Jose Ma. Sison, 68, living in the Netherlands since the mid-1980s, told The Associated Press he believed the conflict would be resolved in his lifetime and he would be returning to his homeland—though it may not be during the presidency of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, set to end in 2010.

He said he had been preparing for a resumption of the peace talks since his arrest in August by Dutch authorities—and his subsequent swift release for lack of evidence—for allegedly ordering killings in the Philippines.

"The main aim is to develop the grounds for the resumption of peace negotiations either under the Arroyo regime or after," Sison, known as Joma, said in an interview in the bare-bones offices of the National Democratic Front, the political arm of the CPP, in Utrecht.

The communists have a long list of demands, including land and economic reform and improvement of human rights.

Killings made it difficult

Sison said the Arroyo government's vow to stamp out the insurrection militarily, as well as anger over corruption scandals and human rights violations—especially the targeting of leftist lawyers and sympathizers for extrajudicial killings—made it difficult for the two sides to talk.

But the NDF is "open to peace negotiations even during the time of Arroyo, if she's willing," Sison said.

Norway is leading arbitration attempts. Sison said that on Oct. 23, a delegation led by Norwegian diplomat Hans Braatskar met in Utrecht with the NDF's chief negotiator, Luis Jalandoni, to test the waters for a resumption of the talks, frozen since mid-2004.

Sison was arrested on Aug. 28, on charges of ordering the killings of comrades who had defected to the government side. The killings were claimed by the CPP, and Dutch prosecutors said they held Sison responsible as the CPP's leader. However, the judges ruled there was insufficient evidence and ordered him released.

Gone too long

Sison helped found the CPP in 1968 but spent 10 years in prison under the Marcos dictatorship and has been in the Netherlands for 20 more. Sison, who denies any role in the killings, says he has been gone too long to hold any direct power in the organization.

"The Arroyo regime, like other regimes, has overrated me. I'm one of their more noticeable annoyances," he said.

He describes himself as the NDF's "chief political consultant."

The CPP and its armed wing, the New People's Army, were branded terrorist organizations after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States and Sison was placed on European terrorist lists in 2002.

The Dutch government would like to be rid of him, but attempts to expel him to the Philippines foundered due to the lack of an extradition treaty.

Sison said the removal of the "terrorist" tag was not a precondition for peace talks, though one condition for a permanent cease-fire would be for foreign governments to "cease interference" in the Philippines' internal affairs.

Lack of evidence

The United States formally removed its military bases in the Philippines in 1992, but has maintained troops there for ongoing exercises, most recently against Islamic separatist groups operating in the nation's south.

The Hague District Court ordered Sison released on Sept. 13, citing lack of evidence. Prosecutors appealed his release, but a Superior Court upheld it, adding that evidence against him should be seen in a "possible political context."

"That's a very elegant way of saying, there's political motivation," Sison said.

Prosecutors are due to decide on Nov. 5 whether to proceed.

After Sison's arrest, Ms Arroyo declared an amnesty for rebels wishing to give up their arms.

The amnesty does not appear to have worked, and the Philippines has vowed to crush the rebellion before Arroyo's term expires. *AP*

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WITH the Catholic Church lifting the ban on cremation in 1963, columbaries, or depositories of cremated remains, have also surfaced as popular resting places for Filipinos in the Metro. In 2006, the cost of space in columbary walls range from P40,000 to P200,000. These spaces could accommodate as many as four urns.

Kate Pedroso, Inquirer Research

QC bets hold poll officers hostage

200 Comelec officials, teachers unable to leave polling place for 8 hours

By Jeannette I. Andrade

SOME 200 ELECTION OFFICERS AND PUBLIC school teachers were held hostage for eight hours Monday by seven barangay candidates and their supporters during the canvassing at a public school in Quezon City.

Tension gripped the Bagong Pagasa Elementary School as residents of the barangay surrounded the polling center and questioned the transport of four of 80 ballot boxes to the local Commission on Elections (Comelec) office in city hall.

Maria Teresa Araya, one of the teachers reportedly taken hostage, said they were about to send the other 76 ballot boxes containing election returns and other paraphernalia, after four were delivered to the Comelec District I office, when they were cornered at around 5:30 p.m. by residents led by their respective candidates.

Araya told the INQUIRER that the residents accused election officers of cheating, claiming the four ballot boxes sent earlier were transported without escorts. The residents alleged the transfer was part of attempts to cheat.

When the election officers said those who transported the four ballot boxes were escorted by members of the Quezon City Police District (QCPD), the crowd was reportedly outraged and blocked their path.

The residents allegedly ordered the election officers to finish canvassing the ballots before taking the boxes out of the polling center.

The 228 election officers and teachers stayed inside the school until help arrived. At 1:30 a.m. yesterday, local Comelec officials and about 20 QCPD mobile patrol units arrived.

Barangay Bagong Pagasa is one of two "problem areas" for the Comelec District I office that oversees 37 barangays. The other problem area is Barangay Bahay Toro.

In Comelec District II, Barangay Unang Sigaw, New Era, Greater Lagro, Sangandaan, Novaliches Proper, Baesa, and Bagong Silangan had finished their canvassing and submitted the results. Only seven out of 30 barangays completed the counting.

The Comelec District III office had received 34 canvassing results and was only waiting for the outcome of the elections in Barangay Matandang Balara, Loyola Heights, and Pansol.

The Comelec's Rhodoro Aquino said many election exercises, particularly for Sangguniang Kabataan chair, were decided through the drawing of lots as results in many polling places ended in ties.

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ONCE MORE, WITH FEELING
A traffic aide attracts commuters and passersby as he dances while managing the flow of traffic at the Araneta Center in Cubao, Quezon City. JOAN BONDOC

Suicide at MRT station averted

By Kenneth M. del Rosario

A GARBAGE SCAVENGER threatened to jump yesterday afternoon from the third floor of the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) Quezon Avenue Station in Quezon City.

Herman Okoseba, 27, sat on the edge of a concrete platform at around 2 p.m. with his feet dangling as vehicles passed below him. Witnesses said the man looked like he was ready to jump from the 50-foot high building.

Anton Aring, 31, a parking attendant of a fastfood chain near the MRT station was the first to see Okoseba. He quickly notified the nearby police station and agents of the Metro Manila Development Authority about the potential jumper.

People who gathered outside the MRT station shouted at Okoseba not to jump. Meanwhile, a rescue team from the National Capital Region Police Office Special Action Force (NCRPO-SAF) went to the third floor to convince the victim to step off the ledge.

But Okoseba was unresponsive. Agents of the SAF then saw an opportunity to sneak up behind him.

Virgilio Dupaya and another member of the SAF looped a blue nylon cord around Okoseba and grabbed him from behind.

Okoseba cried after his rescue. He said he wanted to end his life because no one would give him a job because he was lame. He said he had applied as janitor in practically every establishment on Quezon Avenue, but was unlucky.

MRT officials said they would hand over Okoseba to the police who said they would check if Okoseba needed psychiatric help.

Couple nabbed by cops for attempted bribery

By Julie M. Aurelio

TWO CHINESE NATIONALS were arrested by operatives of the National Capital Region Police Office yesterday after the suspects allegedly tried to bribe them with almost P.5 million.

Supt. Nap Villegas of the Regional Police Intelligence Operations Unit (RPIOU) identified the suspects as Anson Ngo, 52, and Lorita Ng-Ngo, 51.

Villegas said the suspects tried to give his operatives P450,000 in exchange for the freedom of four undocumented Chinese aliens caught for illegal gambling last week.

The four were arrested Saturday for illegal gambling in a den in Binondo, Manila. A day later, Ngo and Ng-Ngo visited the RPIOU office at Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig City to try buying the freedom of the four .

The couple were nabbed during an entrapment operation at around 3:45 a.m. yesterday during their second visit to the RPIOU office.

Villegas said he turned down the offer and that the four men had already been held for violating PD 1602 or the anti-illegal gambling law.

"I'm very curious as to why they would pay almost half a million for just an illegal gambling offense. The bail for that is just P2,000," he noted.

He said he would turn over the four undocumented aliens to the Bureau of Immigration in order to get leads on their identities.

The pair, meanwhile, have been charged with violating Article 212 of the Revised Penal Code, or corruption of a public official.

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Southern Police ready for special Pasay City elections

By Julie M. Aurelio

THE SOUTHERN POLICE DISTRICT assured the public yesterday that it would keep special elections to be held in Barangay 76 in Pasay City safe for voters.

Over 22 polling precincts in the barangay declared a failure of elections after it was discovered that over 600 voters were excluded from the voters' lists.

"We're very sure that we can do our job, but the issue of disenfranchised voters must be addressed first," said district director Chief Supt. Luizo Ticman

He added that two of the 600 voters were also candidates for barangay *kagawad*.

Ticman said he told the local Commission on Elections to first address the issue of excluded voters before holding special elections.

The special elections have been set for next week or after All Saints' Day.

The SPD director said Monday's barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections were generally peaceful, with no reports of election-related violent incidents.

The National Capital Region Police Office earlier ordered the deployment of at least 5,000 men to secure polling places in Metro Manila. Some 305 of them came from the NCRPO headquarters.

UP studes light candles for dead frat neophytes

By Kenneth M. del Rosario

STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines (UP) in Quezon City lit candles over the weekend to remember the "senseless" deaths of fellow students allegedly because of fraternity violence.

"We cannot remember Cris Mendez and all the others who have reportedly died of hazing-related activities without outrage in our hearts," said Tin de Villa, of the UP Alyansa, an alliance of student organizations against fraternity aggression.

On Sunday evening, the group lit 100 candles in front of the Oblation statue on the Diliman campus against a backdrop of signs calling for justice for Marlon Villanueva, Den Daniel Reyes, Nino Calinao, Alex Icasiano, Mark Ronald Martin and Dennis Venturina. Mendez, the latest on the list, was a public administration student who died on Aug. 27, allegedly a hazing victim.

What has been more alarming, Alyansa said, were efforts to delay the administration of justice. It cited a temporary restraining order filed in the Quezon City Regional Trial Court allegedly to halt the UP Student Disciplinary Tribunal from conducting an investigation.

"We see this act as a blatant display of indifference in attaining justice," Alyansa said. "It appears the accused are more interested in saving their own skins and delaying administrative processes."

Safe and secure holidays assured by police

By Tina G. Santos
and Julie M. Aurelio

PEOPLE GOING OUT OF town for the long holiday break should make sure their home and belongings are safe and secure.

The Manila Police District said criminal elements, particularly the *Akyat-Bahay* gangs, usually take advantage of the absence of occupants to break into homes.

"As much as possible don't leave your house unattended. Have somebody look after it. Otherwise, you should at least coordinate with barangay officials and ask for regular patrols around unattended homes," police officials said.

MPD director Chief Supt. Roberto Rosales said he ordered patrol cars to conduct frequent police visibility rounds, in coordination with security personnel and barangay officials, to ensure the protection of properties.

In the Southern Police District, an additional 200 cops will be deployed as part of "Oplan Kaluluwa" for All Saints' Day.

Around 40 policemen will be assigned to two of Parañaque City's biggest cemeteries: The 114-hectare Manila Memorial Park and the Loyola Memorial Park on Sucat Road.

Rosales assured Manila residents security measures were already in place and policemen would be deployed to maintain peace and order on Nov. 1. He said the police would also monitor people leaving for the provinces.

MPD personnel would be deployed in various bus terminals in the city, Rosales said.

He added that they would also beef up security in vital installations like the Light Rail Transit, oil depot and other government and private establishments.

Ticman has also ordered the deployment of 35 more cops in Makati City, 30 in Pasay City, 30 in Las Piñas City, 25 in Muntinlupa City, 25 in Taguig City and 15 in the town of Pateros.

National Capital Region Police Office spokesperson Supt. Rhodel Sermonia, on the other hand, said they were keeping a close eye on major cemeteries in Metro Manila.

"We will also post policemen in bus terminals, sea ports, airports and thoroughfares to ensure the safety of people leaving for the provinces," he added.

"Our policemen will be strict with visitors who wish to bring any deadly weapons, firearms or liquor inside the cemeteries," said Sermonia. He also advised the public against gambling in cemeteries, saying those caught would be charged with violating PD 1602 or the anti-illegal gambling law.

CHILDREN patiently wait for their parents lining up to buy tickets for a bus ride home to the province inside a Cubao, Quezon City terminal. JOAN BONDOC

In Taguig City, a team composed of the local police, the Public Order and Safety Office, Barangay Affairs Office, Traffic Management Office, Special Response Team, General Services Office and the City Health Office will be in charge of peace and order concerns, said Mayor Freddie Tinga. The city has five public cemeteries.

Chief of police Supt. Alfred Corpus said some policemen would be inside the cemeteries while mobile patrols would respond to emergencies.

Poso head Lt. Jesus Merilo said Poso personnel and barangay tanod will inspect belongings of those entering the cemetery. Portable toilets will be provided near the cemeteries while traffic aides will ensure the smooth flow of traffic

Twenty health teams will be on duty to administer first aid, while a rescue team will be on stand-by, according to city health officer Dr. Rolando Paac.

Meanwhile, NCRPO Director Geary Barias said they would deploy 9,000 policemen to the Metro's different cemeteries, seaports and bus terminals.

ROAD RELIEF

Repair teams to SLEX for motorists' convenience

By Riza T. Olchondra

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE exodus to and from Southern Luzon for All Saints' Day, the South Luzon Tollway Corp. (SLTC) said yesterday that 24-hour maintenance and emergency teams have been sent to the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) starting today

The teams brought with them road equipment and supplies, including generators and fuel. All days-off of SLEX personnel have been cancelled for the duration of the holidays.

All construction related activities that could affect traffic flow were suspended until Nov. 4, but normal work site schedules will be observed in non-traffic areas.

The SLTC said that as of Oct. 27, SLEX contractor MTD Construction Phils. Inc, (MTDCPI) had finished all preparations for the expected southbound exodus during the Halloween break. These measures include pavement repairs, construction of transitions lanes, asphalt patching and overlay of deteriorated sections, and provisions for emergency counter flow in case of unexpected traffic build-up. Traffic is expected to be at its heaviest on Oct. 31 from 6 a.m.-11:30 a.m., and on Nov. 1, up to 10 a.m. Southbound traffic reached up to 153,000 vehicles on the same day last year.

The expected increase in traffic is expected to be felt within the five-kilometer stretch between Filinvest and San Pedro, Laguna.

The normal traffic count in this area, even before the rehabilitation of SLEX, reaches a high of 130,000 southbound vehicles per day, tapering off to 100,000 beyond San Pedro.

PNCC and MTD traffic managers agree this volume far exceeds the carrying capacity of the four-lane highway. The SLEX rehabilitation project includes widening the roadway to eight lanes, up to Sta. Rosa.

The SLTC said road conditions are better now and will improve with the weather. Sunny days in the past two weeks had allowed MTDCPI to finish its road work and reopened lanes in the critical Filinvest to the San Pedro section, as well as other congestion-prone areas.

Work will continue in areas where workers and equipment will not cause inconveniences to motorists.

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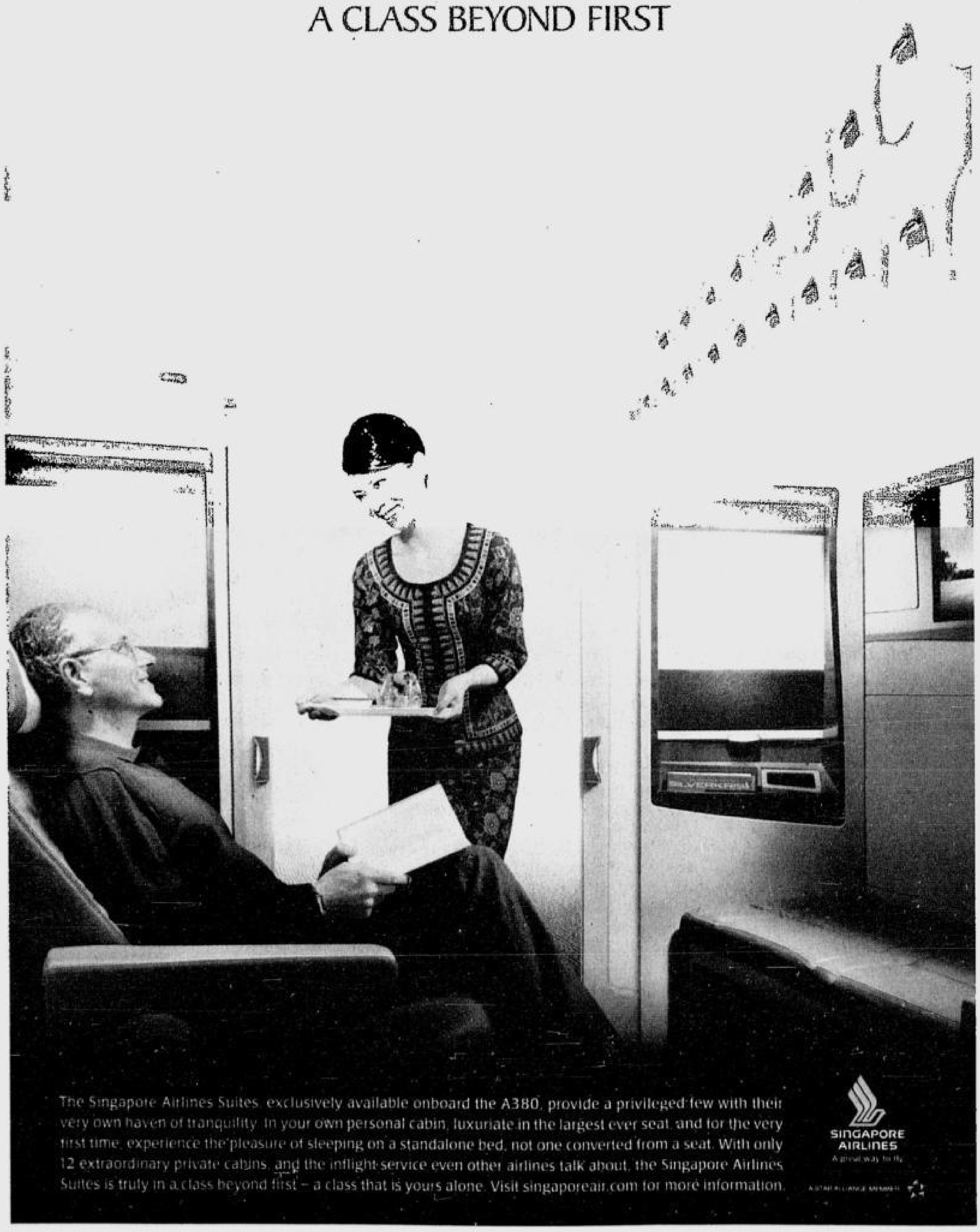

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Suicide bomber kills 30 Iraqi policemen

BAGHDAD—A SUICIDE bomber on a bicycle killed 30 Iraqi policemen doing their morning exercises at a base north of Baghdad on Monday, in one of the deadliest strikes on security forces in months.

And a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad wounded a US general—the highest ranking US officer to be wounded in Iraq since the invasion in 2003.

The suicide bombing north of Baghdad targeted a police rapid reaction force at their base in volatile Diyala province, said Maj. Gen. Ghanim al-Quraishi, the Diyala police chief.

A shopkeeper whose store is close to the base told Reuters he had seen a man riding a bicycle slip through a gap in the concrete wall surrounding the compound and heard a huge blast seconds later that threw a cloud of dust into the air.

"I saw many bodies covered in blood. Some were dying, some had arms and legs blown off," said store owner Ali Shahine.

At least 20 people were wounded in the attack, including a woman and a child, police said. Hospital officials gave the same number of casualties.

No group claimed responsibility for the bombing, but it bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida, which has often used suicide bombers to devastating effect in attacks on Iraqi security forces.

The base is in the city of Baquba, capital of Diyala province, a religiously and ethnically mixed region where al-Qaida and other Sunni Arab insurgent groups as well as Shiite Muslim militias operate.

Also in Diyala, police found 20 decapitated bodies on Monday, dumped near a police station west of Baquba. The identity of the victims was not immediately known. Beheadings in Iraq are usually the work of al-Qaida militants.

Eleven Sunni and Shiite tribal leaders, members of an anti-al-Qaida group in Diyala, were kidnapped on Sunday on their way home after meeting a representative of the prime minister in Baghdad. The Defense Ministry said eight were rescued on Monday when soldiers raided the house where they were held.

The ministry said another raid was under way to try to find the three tribal sheikhs still missing. But two Diyala government officials said one of those missing, Sunni sheikh Modher al-Azzawi, was found dead earlier on Monday.

US forces blamed a former commander in radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mehdi Army militia for the kidnapping.

In other violence, a car bomb in a residential area in the northern Iraqi town of Siniya demolished two homes, killing eight people and wounding 13, police said.

And Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Dorko, commanding general of the Gulf Region Division of the US Army Corps of Engineers, was wounded along with another soldier when a roadside bomb exploded beside their convoy, the US military said. His wounds were not life-threatening and he was evacuated from Iraq.

The US military handed over security control for Kerbala province, home to one of the holiest cities in Shiite Islam, to the local authorities on Monday.

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WORLDBRIEFS

Chad charges 16 Europeans with kidnapping

N'DJAMENA—A Chadian judge late Monday laid kidnapping and complicity charges against 16 Europeans held over a charity's attempt to fly more than 100 children to France, the prosecutor's office in the eastern town of Abeche told AFP. Nine French nationals, members of the charity Zoe's Ark and journalists, were formally charged with "kidnapping of minors with the aim of compromising their civil status" and "swindling," an official of the office told AFP by telephone. Seven Spanish members of the flight crew that was to have flown the 103 children out of the country on Thursday were charged with "complicity." *AFP*

Azerbaijan foils 'terrorist' attack

BAKU—Azerbaijani authorities have foiled a "terrorist" attack by a radical Islamic group against government facilities and diplomatic missions, including the US embassy, the Ministry for National Security said Monday. "We averted attempts at terrorist acts against some state structures in the city of Baku, as well as embassies and diplomatic missions of member countries of the international antiterrorist coalition," it said. Ministry spokesperson Arif Babayev told AFP the US embassy in Baku was among the targets. Security was tight outside the embassy late Monday, with dozens of police standing guard. *AFP*

Somali premier resigns as crisis deepens

MOGADISHU—Somali Prime Minister Ali Mohamed Gedi resigned Monday following a long-running feud with the president, as the chaotic country sank deeper into a political, security and humanitarian crisis. Gedi's decision came amid an upsurge in violence in the capital Mogadishu that has seen thousands of residents flee fighting between Islamist insurgents and Ethiopian-backed government troops. He handed his resignation letter to President Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed, who immediately appointed Gedi's deputy, Salim Aliyow Ibrow, as interim prime minister. *AFP*

Israel's legal advisor stops Gaza power cuts

JERUSALEM—Israel's attorney general said on Monday that planned punitive cuts in electricity supplies to the Gaza Strip can not go ahead before a full assessment of the possible humanitarian consequences, Menahem Mazouz, who is also the government's legal adviser, said in a statement that "security chiefs must carry out supplementary examinations to take account of the humanitarian obligations before ordering electricity cuts." *AFP*

DIANA INQUEST

Driver of mysterious Fiat Uno identified

LONDON—WITNESSES ON Monday pointed out the man they said drove the mysterious white Fiat Uno that conspiracy theorists have long associated with the death of princess Diana.

The inquest into the deaths of Diana and her lover Dodi Fayed also heard that their driver was "playing a game with photographers" and was behaving like an alcoholic shortly before the car crash in a Parisian underpass that killed him, Diana and Dodi.

Georges Dauzonne and his wife Sabine identified former security guard Le Van Thanh as the driver of the white Uno which they said emerged from the Pont d'Alma tunnel after the high-speed crash on Aug. 30, 1997.

The couple had been having dinner before driving home shortly after midnight on the night of the crash, with Georges Dauzonne saying he had attempted to join an expressway next to the tunnel, but was forced to slow down by a Fiat Uno that was driving erratically.

The inquest has previously heard that there is evidence that the Mercedes which Diana and Dodi were riding in collided with a white Fiat Uno just before it crashed, and traces of paint on the Mercedes's wreckage support this argument, though the car itself has never been found.

Questioned separately, both Georges and Sabine Dauzonne identified two photographs of Le Van Thanh and his red Fiat Uno, among five they were shown in total, including one of photographer James Andanson whom Dodi's father Mohamed Al-Fayed alleges was the driver of the Uno in question.

"It is very difficult, but I would say the man in the first two photographs rings clearly a bell," Sabine Dauzonne told the hearing at London's High Court, referring to Le Van Thanh.

It has been reported that he had his car resprayed, though it is disputed whether he did this before or after the crash. *AFP*

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Date and Time of Pre-bid Conference - NOV. 12, 2007 at 2PM
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Iraq warns Turkey against incursion

ANKARA—TURKEY PARADED ITS MILITARY muscle on Monday, amid stern warnings from Baghdad that any large-scale Turkish incursion against Kurdish rebel bases in northern Iraq would have "disastrous" results.

In the capital Ankara, tanks and rocket launchers were on display in the annual national day parade as Turks celebrated the 84th anniversary of the secular republic's creation by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.

In stark contrast to the festive mood across most of the country, Turkish troops faced off with some 100 rebels in the Ikiyaka mountains in the southeast.

The military had surrounded the fighters from the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) in a bid to prevent them escaping across the Iraqi border, the Anatolia news agency reported.

Witnesses saw helicopter gunships pounding suspected rebel positions in mountainous areas on the Turkish side.

Turkey has threatened a major cross-border assault on PKK bases in northern Iraq if Baghdad and Washington fail to make good on promises to crack down on the rebels there.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari warned Monday that such a move could have "disastrous consequences" and would be met with stiff Iraqi resistance.

"They are talking about a large-scale military incursion which is getting people extremely, extremely nervous and worried," Zebari told the BBC in an interview.

Describing the situation on the Turkish-Iraqi border as "dead serious," Zebari complained that Turkey "was not responsive" when Iraqi officials flew to Ankara last week for talks.

According to Turkish media reports, some 100,000 Turkish troops have been deployed along the border over the past week.

Zebari also insisted that Turkish demands for PKK leaders in northern Iraq to be rounded up and handed over were unrealistic.

"They are not under our control in fact. They are up in the mountains, they are armed," he said.

Monday's celebrations saw President Abdullah Gul lead top officials on the traditional trek to Ataturk's imposing mausoleum on a hill overlooking Ankara.

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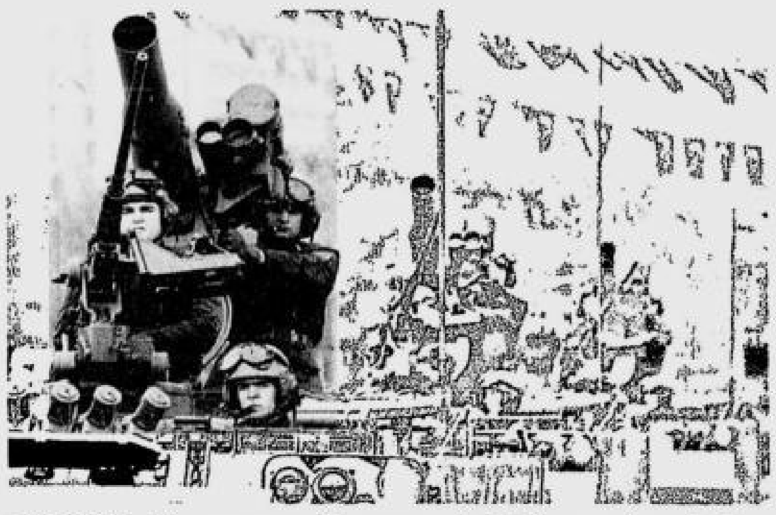

TURKISH soldiers man machine guns and air defense systems during a parade in Istanbul on Oct. 29 to mark the 84th foundation anniversary of the republic of Turkey. REUTERS

US got AIDS from Haiti in 1969, says study

WASHINGTON—THE AIDS virus invaded the United States in about 1969 from Haiti, carried most likely by a single infected immigrant who set the stage for it to sweep the world in a tragic epidemic, scientists said on Monday.

Michael Worobey, a University of Arizona evolutionary biologist, said the 1969 US entry date is earlier than some experts had believed.

The timeline laid out in the study led by Worobey indicates that HIV infections were occurring in the United States for roughly 12 years before AIDS was first recognized by scientists as a disease in 1981. Many people had died by that point.

"It is somehow chilling to know it was probably circulating for so long under our noses," Worobey said in a telephone interview.

The researchers conducted a genetic analysis of stored blood samples from early AIDS patients to determine when the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) first entered the United States.

They found that HIV was brought to Haiti by an infected person from central Africa in about 1966, which matches earlier estimates, and then came to the United States in about 1969.

The researchers think an unknown single infected Haitian immigrant arrived in a large city like Miami or New York, and the virus circulated for years—first in the US population and then to other nations.

It can take several years after infection for a person to develop AIDS, a disease that ravages the immune system.

"That one infection would have become two, and then it doubles again and the two becomes four," Worobey said. "So you have a period—probably a fair number of years—where you're dealing with probably fewer than a hundred people who are infected.

"And then, as with epidemic expansion, at some point the hundred becomes 200, you start getting into thousands, tens of thousands. And then quite rapidly you can be up into the hundreds of thousands of infections that were probably already there before AIDS was recognized in the early 1980s."

Reuters

Bill Clinton had sex addiction, says Ford

WASHINGTON—DEAD MEN do tell tales: The late President Gerald Ford believed a successor, Bill Clinton, had a sex addiction and felt Hillary Clinton had "unlimited ambition" but the country was not ready for a woman president.

These juicy nuggets and more are included in private interviews Ford had with journalist Thomas DeFrank over the course of 16 years. DeFrank agreed to keep the conversations secret until Ford died, and after Ford's death at age 93 last December, DeFrank has published his book, "Write It When I'm Gone."

Ford called Clinton "the best politician I've ever seen … This guy can sell three-day old ice … He's that good." But he noticed during a visit by the Clintons to the Fords' Colorado home in 1993 that Clinton seemed to have a wandering eye.

"I'll tell you one thing: he didn't miss one good-looking skirt at any of the social occasions," Ford said. "He's got a wandering eye … He isn't very subtle about his interest."

During Clinton's impeachment hearings in 1998 in a case involving Clinton's affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, Ford told DeFrank that he and his wife, Betty, had talked a lot about the subject (Ms Ford had battled problems with alcohol and painkillers in 1978).

"I'm convinced that Clinton has a sexual addiction. He needs to get help—for his sake. He's already damaged his presidency beyond repair," Ford said.

Frank recounts a remarkable phone conversation in which Clinton lobbied for Ford's public support during the impeachment ordeal.

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You may secure the Pre-qualification Requirements from the office of the Finance department, ZAMCELCO Complex in Putik, this city anytime during office hours and submit the same upon completion of all requirements thereof.

Submission of the Pre-qualification Requirements shall not be later than 5:00 pm of November 5, 2007 and no documents appertaining thereto, shall be accepted hereafter.

All applicants will be duly notified as to the results of the pre-qualification eligibility process. Only those who are pre-qualified will be allowed to participate in the bidding. A post-qualification may be conducted accordingly hereafter

Bidding will be conducted on November 13, 2007

Sealed bid in duplicate copies should be submitted to the Committee on Bids and Awards at the Office of the Finance Department at the above-mentioned address on or before 2:00 p.m. of November 13, 2007. Five percent (5%) Bidder's Bond is required as a matter of policy.

The right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality therein, or to accept such bid as may be considered advantageous to the coop is hereby reserved as an absolute prerogative of ZAMCELCO

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Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Maynila, Pilipinas
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Item No.	Name of Project/Brief Description	Approved Budget for the Contract
1	One (1) lot – supply, install and make operational six (6) units Passenger/Service/ Freight elevators at the 5-Storey and Multi-Storey Buildings as per BSP scope of works and specifications	Equipment Cost - US$263,800.00 Dismantling/Installation Cost - P5,322,000.00
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	Completion Period	Per BSP Terms of Reference

Prospective bidders should have undertaken at least three (3) completed similar contracts within the last five (5) years (2002 to present), with an aggregate amount of at least 50% of the ABC of the lot/s to be bid, one of which costs at least 25% of the ABC. Prospective bidders for several lots, should have undertaken at least three (3) completed similar contracts within the last five (5) years (2002 to present) with an aggregate amount of at least 50% of the lot with the highest ABC, one of which costs at least 25% of the said ABC. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1 Issuance of Bid Documents	Starting 05 November 2007
2 Pre-bid Conference	10 December 2007, 10:30 A.M.
3 Opening of Bids	08 January 2008, 2:00 P.M.
4 Bid Evaluation	These shall be in accordance with the prescribed periods allowed in the Implementing Rules & Regulations (IRR-A) of R.A. No. 9184 dated 10 January 2003, as amended.
5 Post-qualification	
6 Notice of Award	

Bid documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Item 1 P9,800.00, Item 2 P10,000.00, Item 3 P2,100.00, Item 4 P1,600.00 and Item 5 P7,000.00 to the BSP Cashier.

The BSP assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

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(Sgd.) JUAN DE ZUÑIGA, JR.
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RP TEAM guard Jeff Chan (right) tries a reverse against the defense of Toyota's Brian Faundo in yesterday's game. ERIK ARAZAS

RP, Harbour squads hold off comebacks

By Jasmine W. Payo

JASON CASTRO CAME THROUGH in the final stretch as the Harbour-Philippine team recovered from a near-catastrophic collapse with a 103-92 victory over Toyota Balintawak in the PBL V-Go Extreme Energy Drink Cup yesterday at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

Castro drained nine crucial points in the last five minutes to hold off the Road Kings, who fought back from a 56-32 hole and managed to creep to within 84-81.

"As I've always said, we have no problem with our offense; our problem is our defense," said coach Junel Baculi after the nationals upped their record to 3-1.

Erwin Sta. Maria and JV Casio buried back-to-back triples as the Road Kings trimmed a 24-point deficit to just three, before Castro responded with a key triple to defuse the rally.

The nationals—who are training for the Southeast Asian Games in Thailand this December—took off early with big men Beau Belga, Chad, Alonzo, Allan Salangsang and Alex Crisano looking to spoil the Road Kings' bid for the solo lead.

Castro, the national crew's top-ranked guard, topscored with 19 points aside from compiling five assists, two steals and one block.

Earlier, Harbour Centre similarly withstood Bacchus Energy Drink's late comeback to forge an 87-74 triumph and claim a share of the top spot at 2-0.

The three-time champions drew breakout performances from Fil-Am Solomon Mercado and Rico Maierhofer, but also found Jofferson Gonzales during a crucial stretch.

Gonzales unloaded back-to-back baskets that sparked a 13-0 run to push Batang Pier comfortably back on top, 83-66, in the fourth period after nearly blowing a 21-point cushion, 57-36.

"Those were insurance baskets," said coach Jorge Gallent after Batang Pier joined Hapee for the early lead in the young tournament. "Everybody contributed. Our defense was okay, there was just a time that we relaxed."

STANDINGS	W	L
Hapee	2	0
Harbour	2	0
RP Team	3	1
Toyota Bal.	2	1
S Mig Coffee	1	1
Mall & More	0	2
Pharex	0	2
Bacchus	0	3

GAMES SATURDAY
(*The Arena, San Juan*)
2 p.m.—Harbour Centre vs Pharex
4 p.m.—RP Team vs Hapee

The scores:

First Game

HARBOUR CENTRE 87—Mercado 18, Maierhofer 15, Asoro 14, Vergara 8, Gaco 7, Malabanan 6, Cañizares 4, Gonzales 4, Taylor 3, Adolfo 3, Tang 3, Gamboa 2, Jahnke 0.

BACCHUS 74—Thiele 20, Martinez 16, Mondragon 9, Dela Cruz 9, Fampulme 4, Llagas 4, Viardo 4, Dizon 3, Cagoco 3, Guevarra 2, Labagala 0, Mendoza 0.

Quarters: 24-14, 53-36, 67-55, 87-74

Second Game

RP TEAM 103—Castro 19, Belga 14, Bautista 13, Crisano 11, Salangsang 10, Chan 10, Alonzo 9, Cabahug 6, Fernandez 4, Dela Cuesta 4, Cruz 2, Tan 1.

TOYOTA BALINTAWAK 92—Villanueva 17, Casio 14, Alcaraz 13, Sta. Maria 11, Guerrero 8, Jaime 8, Dedicatoria 8, Aldave 5, Balgos 4, Faundo 2, Sena 2, Hayes 0, Walsham 0, Cole 0, Jazul 0.

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Cojuangco appointed OCA adviser

By Marc Anthony Reyes

PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE PRESIdent Jose "Peping" Cojuangco was named adviser of the Olympic Council of Asia yesterday.

Council president Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahed Al Sabah, in a communication sent to the POC office, said they are "confident that the OCA will benefit from your knowledge, experience and wisdom."

The OCA chief made the announcement in the sidelines of the ongoing Asian Indoor Dames in Macau.

Cojuangco, who is on top of the preparation for the country's Southeast Asian Games title-retention bid, accepted the appointment with gratitude and promised to fulfill his duty as an OCA elder official.

Meanwhile, POC spokesman Joey Romasanta bared that Solar Sports will handle the Philippine broadcast of the Beijing Olympics next year.

He refused to discuss details but said Solar Sports, which carried the exploits of national boxing hero Manny Pacquiao, obtained the right to telecast the Games from the International Olympic Committee.

The Philippines, which has so far only qualified four athletes to the Beijing Games, is hoping to win its first-ever Olympic gold medal.

Romasanta also said no broadcast right has been awarded for the Thailand SEA Games.

He said Thailand will feed "live" footage for free, although local TV outfits willing to carry the action live will have to pay a fee.

ADAMSON'S Janet Serafica hammers one in off Letran's Bangladesh Pantaleon and Krizelle Moralejo (left). AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Bualee bombs La Salle as SSC gains s'finals

THAI IMPORT BUALEE JAROENSRI destroyed the enemy off the net as San Sebastian College overpowered a listless La Salle crew, 25-20, 25-22, 25-16, last night to advance to the semifinal round of the Shakey's V-League Second Conference at The Arena in San Juan.

Bualee fired 23 points in an impressive all-around game as the Lady Stags streaked to their fourth straight victory in the league sponsored by Shakey's Pizza.

Laurence Ann Latigay and Rysabelle Devanadera combined for 26 points as the Lady Stags overwhelmed the Taft-based tossers with their power game in 1 hour and 14 minutes.

La Salle, still rusty after a two-week layoff, took its second loss in three games.

In the first encounter, Adamson rallied past Letran, 25-18, 25-17, 24-26, 25-18, and forged a three-way tie for second spot with Ateneo and Santo Tomas.

Guest player Neriza Bautista combined with Rissa Laguilles for 29 points while the rest backed them up with a superb coverage to thwart the Lady Knights and complete the victory, the Lady Falcons' third in four starts.

The win kept the Lady Falcons in step with the Tigresses and the Lady Eagles as the race for the five semifinal berths heated up heading into the last two weeks of the eliminations.

The loss, Letran's fifth straight, eliminated the Lady Knights from the semifinal race.

The Adamson-Letran duel will be shown today on NBN-4 starting at 2 p.m. while the SSC-La Salle encounter will be aired tomorrow.

The 22-year-old Bautista scored 16 points while Laguilles scored 13 of her 17 points on kills as the Lady Falcons bounced back from their straight-sets setback to the San Sebastian spikers last Oct. 19.

For updates on the country's premier volley league, organized by Sports Vision and supported by Mikasa, Accel, 100Plus Isotonic Drink and Active White Skin whitening products, log on to www.v-league.ph.

STANDINGS	W	L
SSC	4	0
UST	3	1
Ateneo	3	1
Adamson	3	1
FEU	2	2
La Salle	1	2
Lyceum	0	4
Letran	0	5

GAMES FRIDAY
(*The Arena, San Juan*)
3 p.m.—Ateneo vs Adamson
5 p.m.—Lyceum vs La Salle

Crippled Kings battle Aces; Bulls vs Express

THERE'S A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT Mark Caguioa and Eric Menk will recover from their injuries and finally see action for Barangay Ginebra as early as next week.

But until that happens, coach Jong Uichico and his Kings will have to learn how to survive without them in the Smart-PBA Philippine Cup at the Cuneta Astrodome.

"We're still trying to find ways to win without them," said Uichico, whose Kings take on the Alaska Aces today reeling from the impact of back-to-back losses inflicted by Talk 'N Text and Welcoat.

Caguioa, the team's prolific scorer, is recuperating from a shoulder injury he suffered during the preseason while Menk, Ginebra's ever-reliable man in the middle, strained his calf muscle more than a week ago.

While the 111-102 Talk N Text defeat was understandable, Ginebra's degrading 82-64 debacle to Welcoat in Roxas City, Capiz last week was unacceptable.

"As a coach, all we can ask the players is to play hard," said Uichico. "We don't have control over how other teams perform, but we have control over what we can achieve."

In the absence of Caguioa and Menk, who are scheduled to return a week from now, Uichico will have to draw more than the usual from the likes of Jayjay Helterbrand, Ronald Tubid, Billy Mamaril, Rafi Reavis, Mark Macapagal and Sunday Salvacion.

Red Bull's manpower shortage will also be the focus of Air21's attack in the other game with coach Yeng Guiao returning from a one-game suspension following his outburst during the Bulls' 102-95 loss against the Kings.

Junthy Valenzuela, the PBA Press Corps Accel-Smart Player of the Week, will have to churn out another sterling performance against the Express similar to his career-best 27-point output over Welcoat. *June Navarro*

STANDINGS	W	L
Purefoods	3	0
Magnolia	3	1
Talk 'N Text	2	2
Air21	1	1
Red Bull	1	1
Alaska	1	2
Welcoat	1	2
Sta. Lucia	1	2
Coca-Cola	1	2
Ginebra	1	2

GAMES TODAY
4:35 p.m.—Red Bull vs Air21
7:20 p.m.—Alaska vs Ginebra

Andam boosts RP cast to 14 in World Pool

THE QUALIFIERS: Lu Hui-Chan, Chinese-Taipei (Qualifying 1); Kenichi Ichigaki, Japan (Q-2); Ko Pin-yi, Chinese-Taipei (Q-3); Wu Yu-lun, Chinese-Taipei (Q-4); Alwi, Indonesia (Q-5); Leonardo Andam (Q-6).

By Marlon Bernardino, *Contributor*

VETERAN CAMPAIGNER LEONARDO ANDAM overwhelmed Jharome Peña, 9-4, in an all-Filipino finals late Monday night at the Star Billiards Center in Quezon City and became the first Filipino—other than his seeded compatriots—to qualify to the World Pool Championships.

Andam's victory in the 84-player sixth qualifying tournament earned him a Group 2 berth in the main draw and a Monday encounter with last year's WPC losing finalist Ralf Souquet of Germany.

With Andam through, the Philippines boosted its cast of entries to 14 in the championship which starts Saturday at the Araneta Coliseum.

The seeded Filipinos are Efren "Bata" Reyes, Francisco "Django" Bustamante, Alex Pagulayan, Ronnie Alcano, Lee Vann Corteza, Dennis Orcollo, Marlon Manalo, Antonio Lining, Ramil Gallego, Rodolfo Luat, Joven Bustamante, Jeffrey de Luna and Antonio Gabica.

Chinese Taipei's Lu Hui-chan, Ko Pin-yi and Wu Yulun, Japan's Kenichi Ichigaki and Indonesia's Alwi secured the first five qualifiers' berths.

Andam bowed to Souquet, 8-4, in the opening round of last year's championship.

"Because Soquet beat me last year, I will prepare hard for him," said Andam in Filipino.

Actually, it was Alwi, an Indonesian who was born in Mindanao, and Ichigaki who halted the Taiwanese domination of the first five qualifiers.

LEONARDO Andam forges a clash with Ralf Souquet.

Bondad earns Euro Tour card

By Musong R. Castillo

FRANCES BONDAD, A FULL-BLOODED FILIPINA playing for Australia, on Friday earned a full card in next year's Ladies European Tour after finishing third in a tough qualifying tournament in Italy.

The 19-year-old former winner of the RP Ladies Amateur and member of the 2005 RP team in the Southeast Asian Games, checked in two strokes behind winner Dana Lacey of Australia with an 11-under total at the Le Fonti Golf Club.

Bondad fired five birdies against two bogeys in the final day for a three-under 69 to become the last in her batch to earn a year's exemption after Lacey and amateur Lydia Hall of Wales.

She also had rounds of 72, 69 and 67 and became just the second Filipino, after Mary Grace Estuesta in the last decade, to make the elite Tour.

"This is definitely a great honor, not only for myself, my family but for the Philippines as well," Bondad told the INQUIRER in an overseas call.

"I'm still very Pinay at heart and every time I go out there to play, I know the people of the Philippines will be behind me," she added.

Congress cares

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

BACOLOD REP. MONICO PUENTEVELLA, a former commissioner of the Philippine Sports Commission, has filed House Bill 2485 amending certain provisions of Republic Act 9064, or the Sports Incentives Act.

According to Puentevella, RA 9064 has a very laudable objective. It is, however, limited in scope because it excluded the biggest names in Philippine sports who were primarily responsible for putting the country in the international map.

Through the years, I have been appealing to the members of Congress to consider amending RA 9064 by including the winners of non-Olympic sports such as bowling, billiards and golf and the medalists in the Paralympic Games. At last, my appeal has been heeded.

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In an email, Puentevella said: "I follow your column as I have always respected the knowledge and insights you have on Philippine sports. Your recent column showed your advocacy for the welfare of our athletes. You have consistently advocated for the rights of world sports legends such as (bowler) Paeng Nepomuceno and (billiards player) Efren "Bata" Reyes, I think it is also time that I do my share.

"I no longer serve as chair of the House committee on youth and sports development as the Speaker and my colleagues have selected me chair of the House committee on transportation.

"However, as a legislator, I will do my best to have your advocacy heard in the House of Representatives. It is to this end that I have proposed House Bill 2485, amending certain provisions of RA 9064. The salient points of the bill are the inclusion of the following:

- **Winners of world championships for billiards and bowling, like Bata Reyes and Paeng Nepomuceno, to finally get their due;**
- **World title fight winners in boxing sanctioned by internationally recognized boxing organizations such as world champions Gabriel "Flash" Elorde, Rolando Navarette, Luisito Espinosa, Gerry and Dodie Boy Peñalosa and Manny Pacquiao.**
- **Tournament champions in the four majors of the PGA or LPGA tour;**
- **And the medal winners in the quadrennial Paralympic Games and the biennial Special Olympics. This is to honor the differently abled and intellectually challenged athletes.**

Earlier, Negros Occidental Rep. Jose Carlos "Kako" Lacson filed House Bill 2265 to also amend RA 9064 to include the differently abled athletes.

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Dance sport has come of age. Since it was founded in 1996, the Dance Sport Council of the Philippines has made enormous strides.

"Over the years we were able to survive despite our limited resources," said tireless DSCP president Becky Garcia, who heads the governing body for dance sport recognized by the Philippine Olympic Committee.

Last Oct. 13, the association held its 11th National Championships-Alaxan FR Cup, with 2005 SEA Games silver medalists Emmanuel Reyes and Maira Rosete leading the winners in the Standard discipline and Gerald Jamili and Carol Bacera, Masato Miyachi-Sarah Lim and Rene Lavestre-Karen Ann Navarette-Anton bagging the golds in the Latin division.

Other gold medalists included German Enriquez-Rowena Balonzo, Michael Marquez-Victoria Mae Huyalid, Edgardo Ladimo-Winifrida Constantino, Anselmo Estillore-Mae Lozada, Jack Poloyapoy-Ma. Luz Planas, Jonathan Muli-Jennylyn Mansala, Inoue Roi Rendon-Christy Kim Velez, Renante Saldua-Victoria Alix and Mark Joseph Fernandez-Barbie Caryl Valiente.

SPORTSWATCH

Makisig TV launches four major int'l pool tourneys

FOUR BIG 9-BALL EVENTS HEADLINED by the Philippines' finest cue masters have been lined up starting in the first quarter of next year after Makisig Network and Bugsy Promotions inked a pact recently.

Reigning double world champion Ronnie Alcano will banner the RP charge in at least three of the four events that will carry handsome purses as Makisig, which was launched two weeks ago, threw its hat into the pool arena.

A regional showdown, *a la* The Contender format on TV, is expected to be the first project. This will pit five players from Luzon against five from the Visayas in a virtual reality series aired live by Makisig over Skycable and IBC13.

The second endeavor will be Alcano vs Wu Chia-ching, the youthful former world champion from Taiwan as they clash in a one-day classic.

"This is just our small way of making the dreams of our countryman happen, and that is to get the most exposure in pool as possible," said Makisig chair Hermie Esguerra. "The Filipino is a world power in the sport; let's harness it."

CATHERINE Bondad flaunts potential.

Laguna mermaid grabs 7

CATHERINE BONDAD SHOWED A LOT OF promise as a future national swimmer, winning seven gold medals in eight events during the Philippine Olympic Festival Naga City leg recently.

The 9-year-old Laguna bet topped the 200m individual medley, the 100 backstroke, 50 freestyle, 400 free, 50 butterfly and was a member of Laguna's victorious 4x50 free and 4x50 medley relay quartets.

Her older brother, Devron II, took home five silver medals (100 free, 100 back, 50 free, 200 back) and one bronze (200 fly).

Bondad, a Grade 3 scholar student from Blue Danube School, actually spearheaded the charge of Laguna Aquatics, which dominated the aquatics competition.

RACING

BY TOP CHOICE

Race 1—(Qrt/Tri)—Taste N'See (5), Showgirl (2), Beautiful Smile (1), Posse Comitatus (6)
Race 2—(Qrt/Tri)—Carry Over (6), Getting Better (2), Mathematics (4), Canon Rising (5)
Race 3—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Tiger Rafly (7), Unleashed (6), Now Showing (8), Reptold (4), War Bird (2)
Race 4—(Tri)—Money Bank (1), Easy Lover (4), You Got It All/Rose N Fire (2)
Race 5—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Please Don't Stop (8), Jewelmer (9), Stingray (5), El Love Senora (3), Honoree (6)
Race 6—(Qrt/Tri)—Madam Composita (2), Memory of Fire (1), Doomstead (4), Matikas (5)
Race 7—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Red Gown (5), Manapla (4), Rogue Knight (3), Hailey's Comet (8), Golden Square/Dreamin Again (9)
Race 8—(Super 6/Qrt/Tri)—Silent Operator (7), Crew Cut (3), Seniority (8), Yanong Rikit (4), XX Cool Reception (6), Joker (1)

COMMENTARY

Boxing gold medals no longer for sale?

By Percy D. Della

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA—Now that Anwar Chowdry's despotic regime as president of the International Boxing Association (Aiba) is over, are Filipino boxers a step closer to winning the country's first Olympic gold medal?

The outlook looks bright as three out of our seven boxers competing in the world boxing championships in Chicago are literally a jab away from earning a trip to Beijing.

The Chicago matches serve as amateur boxing's first qualifying competition for the Summer Games next year.

It's also the first world amateurs in 20 years without Chowdry around. The Pakistani was ousted last year—his long run finally screeching to a halt—along with its black eyes of financial shenanigans and corrupted judging.

No one dared touch the tyrant's rule and its glaring corruption, even though there had been loud howls—including protests from the Philippines—over judging at every world championships and Olympics during Chowdry's watch.

The beginning of the end came in the form of a book authored by Andrew Jennings in 1996. Jennings, an investigative reporter for London's Daily Mail newspaper detailed in "The New Lords of the Rings," the judge-bribing and the despot's heavy-handed approach in dealing with ring officials who dared cross him.

Among the boxers who stewed under bad judging in Chowdry's time were Roy Jones, who lost a disputed light middleweight finals in the Seoul Olympics in 1988; and Floyd Mayweather, beaten 10-9 by Bulgaria's Serafim Todorov in the featherweight semifinals of the Atlanta Games in 1996.

Incidentally, it was in Atlanta where Mansueto "Onyok" Velasco won the last boxing medal—a silver—for the Philippines in the Olympics. Velasco lost to Daniel Bojilov of Bulgaria in the finals.

Nonetheless, Velasco's feat added luster to a distinguished boxing family's history. His brother, Roel, won a bronze medal in the same division in Barcelona four years earlier.

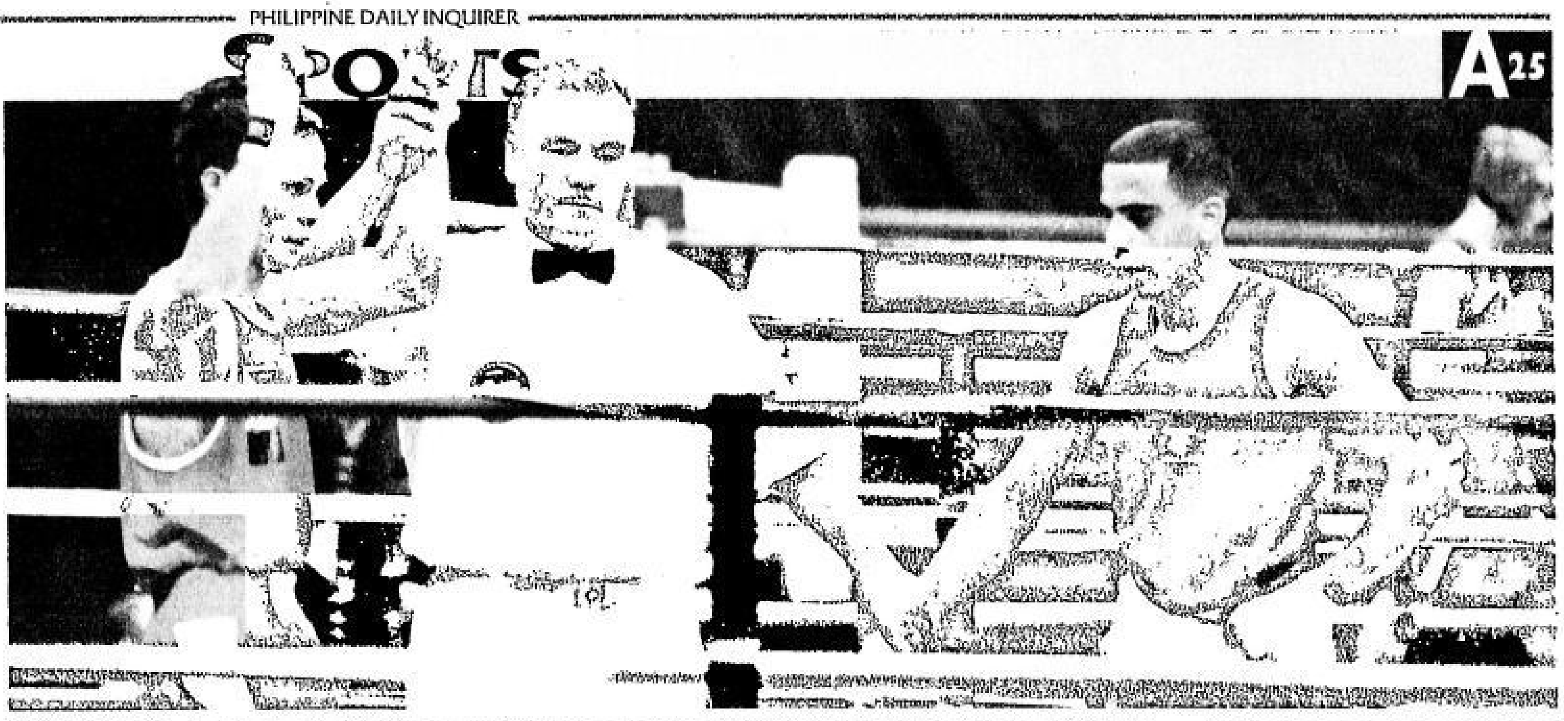
Aiba's new president, Wu Ching-kuo of Taiwan, calls the Chicago edition of the biennial world meet the "championships of renewal."

There are 623 boxers from 114 countries competing in the Windy City—a marked increase from 74 countries at the world meet in China two years ago.

"This is a new culture for Aiba," Wu told the Los Angeles Times. "We will let everyone know there is no more corruption, no more manipulation, no more control of the referees and judges for any competition."

These words are probably reverberating in the ears of Manny Lopez and the brass of Philippine amateur boxing.

They know all too well that boxers could be very well trained but end up ill-starred in the wake of spotty officiating.



THE REFEREE raises the hand of Filipino Harry Tañamor as he wins over Nasir Mohammed of Wales on Monday. MANNY ZAMBRANO / CHICAGO CORRESPONDENT

3 Pinoy pugs underdogs

By Dennis U. Eroa, *Inquirer Libre*

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS—THEY FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEIR CHANCES, but Violito Payla and Harry Tañamor know that making it to the 2008 Beijing Olympics is easier said than done.

Payla, a flyweight, and the light-flyweight Tañamor exchange punches with their highly rated foes in the round of 16 of the Aiba World Boxing Championships here Wednesday, with the winners advancing to the quarterfinals and earning tickets to Beijing.

Payla battles Rau'shee Warren, who is bidding to become the first American boxer in 30 years to compete in two Olympics. Like Payla, Warren competed but failed to reach the medal round in the 2004 Athens Olympics.

Quick and sharp with his jabs and hooks, the 20-year-old Warren won the bronze in the 2005 world meet in Mianyang, China.

Lightweight Genebert Basadre will also seek a Beijing berth on Wednesday at the University of Illinois-Chicago Pavilion here.

Tañamor is ranged against Sherali Dostiev of Tajikistan, while Basadre collides with Hrachik Javakhyan of Armenia.

The Armenian pug silenced the Pavilion crowd Monday when he beat American Sadam Ali, 20-16.

Tañamor beat Dostiev in the preliminary rounds at the Athens Olympics and knows the rapid-firing Tajik is hungry for revenge.

"I'm sure he remembers me from Athens," Tanamor said in Filipino. "I'm ready for him."

Monday was a rest day but the RP-PLDT-Smart boxing team still practiced Monday under the watchful eyes of coaches Pat Gaspi and Ronald Chavez.

"Warren is slippery but I've fought a lot of fighters like him before," said Payla, who is dedicating his next bout to his three-year-old daughter Bea.

Both Payla and Warren are southpaws.

"It's not going to be easy, but Payla has the game to win this one," said Gaspi. "We're fighting a hometown bet and we need a very clear win."

Pacman pool: De Luna trips Orcollo, pockets P1M

RISING POOL STAR JEFFREY DE LUNA pulled the rug from under the favored Dennis Orcollo, 11-9, over the weekend to bag the P1-million champion's purse in the P2-million Manny Pacquiao International 9-Ball Open at the SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City.

De Luna, the 23-year-old Doha Asiad silver medalist, raced to a 6-0 lead before fading in the next four as Orcollo crept within 6-4.

The man known in billiards circle as "Jeff Bata" nailed the crucial 19th rack to go up, 10-9 before clinching the crown in the next.

Orcollo settled for the P500,000 runner-up purse in the maiden tournament that drew 128 international players.

De Luna earlier ousted Rodolfo "Boy Samson" Luat, 10-6, in the semifinals.

Marlon Bernardino, Contributor

YOUTH BADMINTON: Toby's Sports president Jojo Claudio, Dunlop Slazenger Philippines GM Cecille Reyes, tournament organizer Dina Guerrero, guest Freddie Infante and Toby's Group of Companies CEO and chair Bobby Claudio Sr. (from left) do the ceremonial serve in Sunday's opening of the fifth Toby's Youth Badminton Championships over the weekend at the West Drive Badminton court in Pasig City.

MOTORING TIPS
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Preparing for long "haul-days"

Long holidays are here again. That means millions of people will be trooping to provinces and cemeteries for All Saint's & All Soul's Day. It's going to be a long-haul for you and your car if you plan to do the same. These following tips will help you reach your destination safely and hassle-free.

Prepare your vehicle
Better to be safe than sorry. Check the brakes, tire pressure, tire condition, engine oil, and coolant. Make sure you have a working spare tire, a flashlight, car tools and a jack. Have your vehicle checked by an accredited automotive service center before a long trip.

Prepare for rainy weather
The weather during All Saints' Day & All Souls' Day are very unpredictable. Better be prepared for heavy downpour while on the road. Make sure your wipers are working properly and wiper blades are in good condition, too.

Keep your seatbelts on
Make sure that all passengers are wearing their seatbelts properly. Aside from being a law, it is for your own safety. Please take the lead and remind all the rest.

Do not overspeed
Speeding to cut travel time is dangerous and against the law. Remember that highways are packed with holiday traffic. Always follow the speed limit to avoid accidents.

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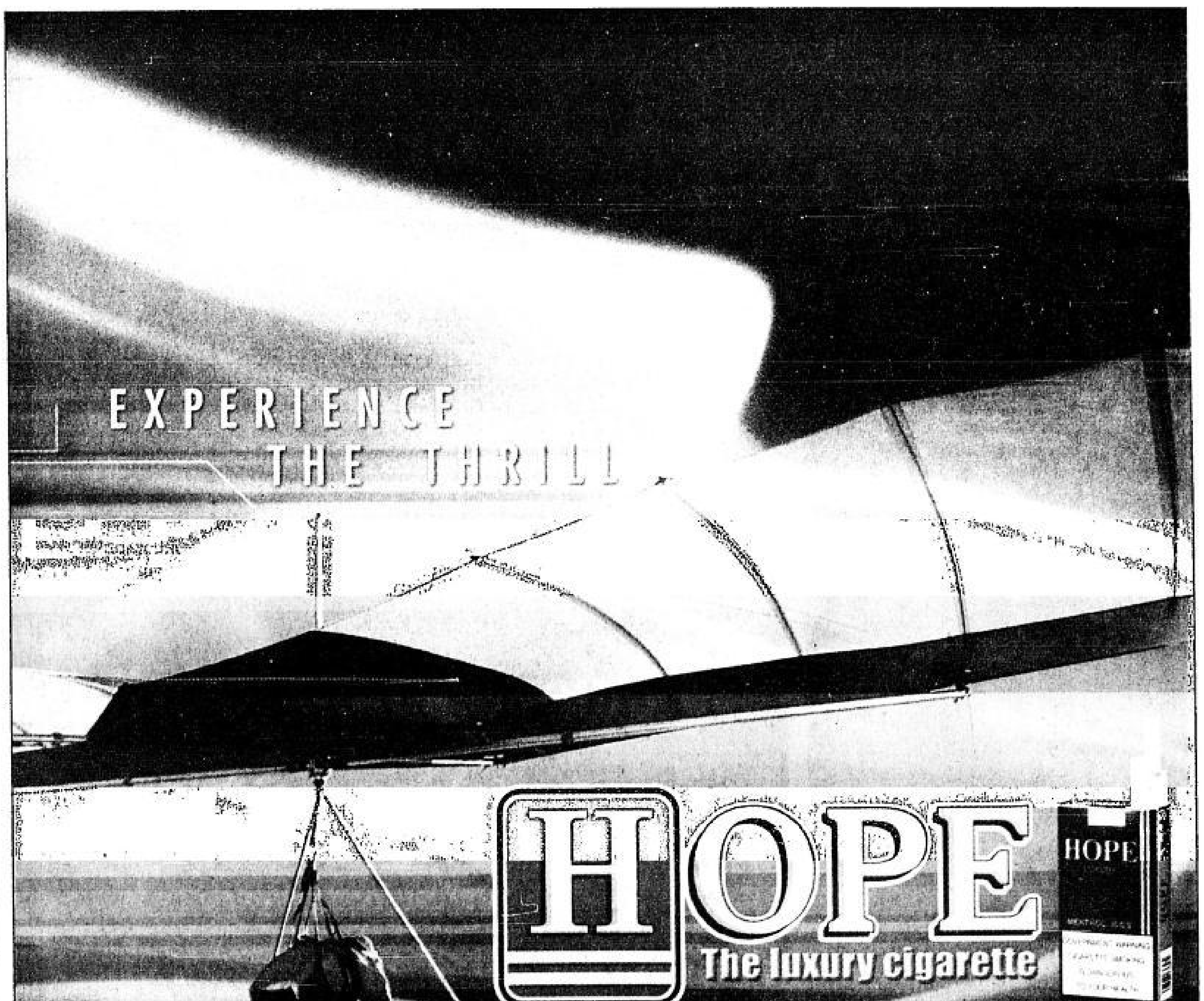

Government Warning:
Cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health.

Demand crashes site as Olympic tickets go on sale

BEIJING—TICKETS TO THE BEIJING OLYMPICS WENT ON SALE IN China on a first-come, first-served basis Tuesday, but overwhelming demand crashed the computer ticketing system. More than eight hours after ticket sales began, the online ticketing site had a note saying the system was busy and to check back later. *AP*

Paris Masters: Ancic rallies past Mathieu

PARIS—MARIO ANCIC RALLIED TO BEAT PAUL-HENRI MATHIEU, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, in the first round of the Paris Masters on Monday, setting up a match against 2005 champion Tomas Berdych. The Croatian beat Mathieu for the third time in four meetings, the most recent being on Oct. 18 in the third round of the Madrid Masters. *AP*

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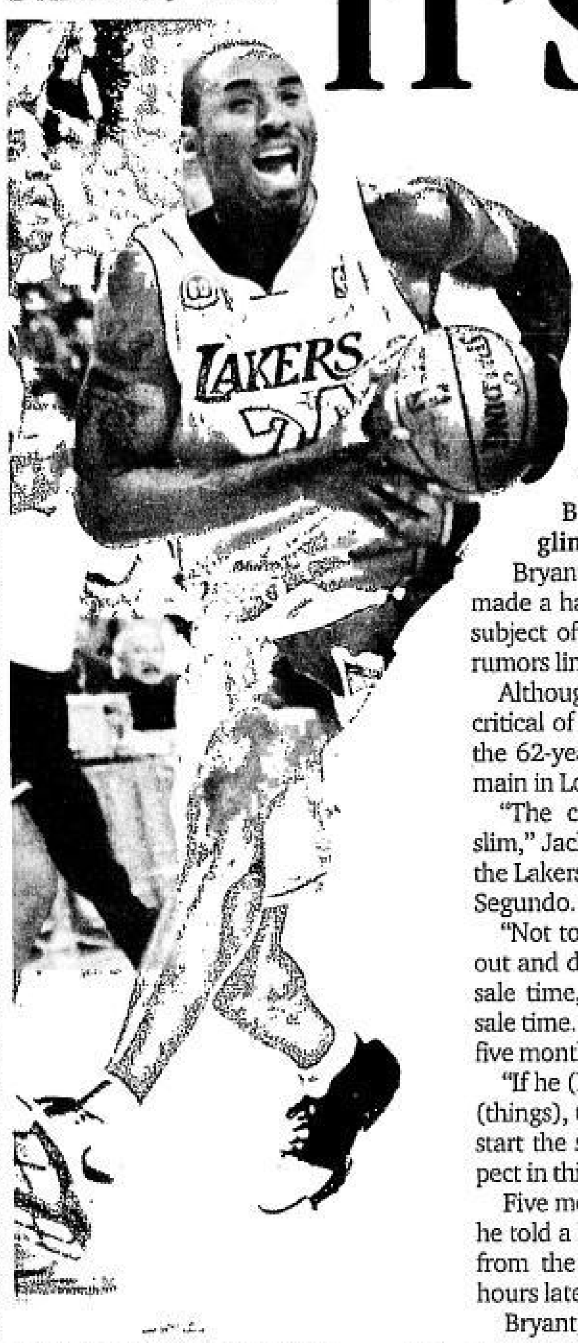
IT'S SHOWTIME

Lakers, Kobe open season wrapped in uncertainty



BRYANT: Staying or leaving? AFP

LOS ANGELES—THE LOS ANGELES Lakers launch their NBA campaign by hosting the Houston Rockets on Tuesday with All Star guard Kobe Bryant expected to start despite struggling with a pre-season wrist injury.

Bryant, one of the NBA's biggest draws, has made a habit of hogging the limelight and was the subject of recent trade speculation with the latest rumors linking him to the Chicago Bulls.

Although Lakers head coach Phil Jackson was critical of Bryant's commitment over the weekend, the 62-year-old is confident his top player will remain in Los Angeles for the time being.

"The chances (of Bryant departing) are very slim," Jackson told reporters at the Lakers training facility in El Segundo.

"Not too many people come out and deal honorably at fire-sale time, and this is not fire-sale time. Here we are going on five months and we're happy the season is starting.

"If he (Bryant) can reorient himself or we resolve (things), then we are the team we were last year to start the season. There's nothing but a positive aspect in this regard."

Five months ago, Bryant rocked the Lakers when he told a local radio station he wanted to be traded from the team, before changing his mind a few hours later.

Bryant, who helped the Lakers win three consecutive NBA championships from 2000-2002, has been deeply upset by the team's lack of success over the last three seasons.

The Los Angeles side failed to qualify for the playoffs in their first campaign without Shaquille O'Neal and have been eliminated in the first round for the last two seasons.

An NBA veteran of 11 years, Bryant has also become increasingly disappointed by the team's rebuilding process since O'Neal was traded to Miami in 2004 and allegations that he was instrumental in prompting O'Neal's departure.

Jackson, a shrewd motivator, questioned Bryant's commitment to the team during squad practice on Saturday.

"Obviously he hasn't thrown his heart and soul into performing on the floor," he said. "That hurts me a little bit.

"He was going to work at this thing and put his full being into this. Right now, he's having a hard time doing that."

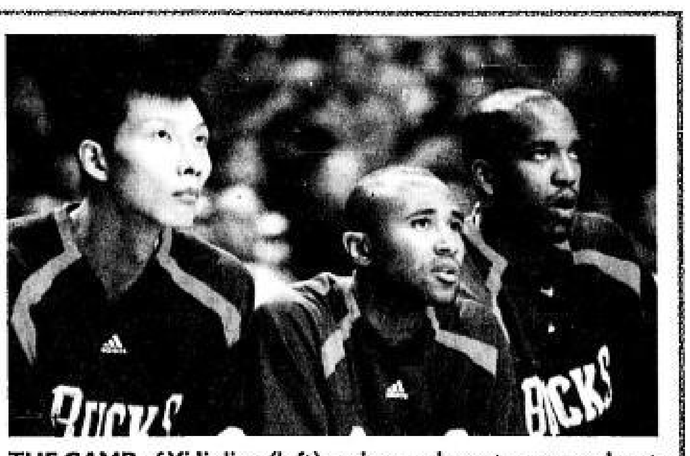
Bryant, who missed the Lakers' final exhibition contest on Friday with a sprained right wrist, believes Jackson has little cause for concern.

"You don't have to worry about that," he said. "I am ready to play, period. You don't have to worry about me."

An All-Star for the last nine seasons, Bryant will match up on Tuesday with one of the league's other marketing dynamos—Houston center Yao Ming.

San Antonio, Portland, Utah and Golden State also see action on opening day. *Reuters*

GAMES TODAY (*Basketball TV*)
8 a.m.—Portland vs San Antonio
10:30 a.m.—Utah vs Golden State



THE CAMP of Yi Jinlian (left) no longer have to worry about the Chinese rookie spending time on the bench. Yi was named to the Milwaukee Bucks' starting roster along with guards Mo WIlliams (center) and Michael Redd (right), center Andrew Bogut and forward Desmond Mason. AFP

Bucks give Yi starting job

MILWAUKEE—YI JIANLIAN will be in Milwaukee's starting lineup when the Bucks open the NBA season in Orlando on Wednesday.

The lineup unveiled on Monday by coach Larry Krystkowiak includes the 6-foot-11 forward from China.

Also getting a starting nod is veteran forward Desmond Mason, who signed as a free agent in the offseason to rejoin his former team.

Other starters are guards Mo Williams and Michael Redd and Australian center Andrew Bogut.

Bogut is currently trying to help Yi settle into his new home.

Bogut, an Australian who was the top overall selection in the 2005 draft, knows what it's like to play in the NBA as a foreigner carrying the expectations of a nation.

"I've been here long enough to know that you've got to be different as an international player," said Bogut, who played two years of US college basketball before becoming the first Australian selected No. 1. "I think international players take it a bit harder when they get to the league. You've just got to figure out you've got 82 games, forget about the last game and look to the next game." *AP, AFP*

Olympic swim hopefuls eye SEAG

By Marc Anthony Reyes

MORE THAN JUST WINNING gold medals in the Southeast Asian Games, the national swimmers will also be vying for Olympic slots in the December sportsfest in Thailand.

Five more swimmers are expected to gain Olympic berths through the SEAG according to aquatics chief Mark Joseph.

Already assured of seats in the Beijing Games are Miguel Molina, JB Walsh and Ryan Arabejo.

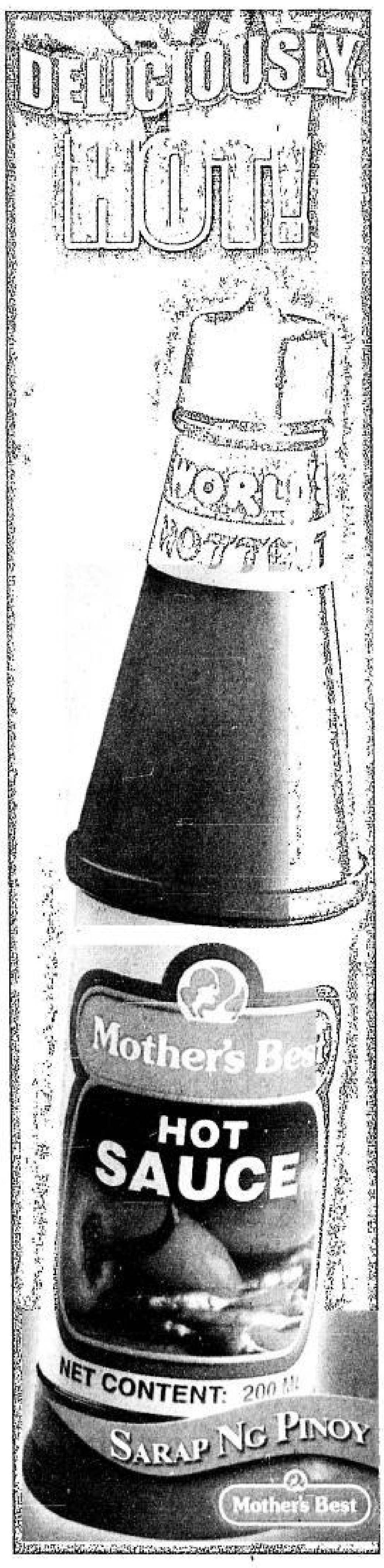
"God willing, five more swimmers and two to four divers should make it," Joseph said.

Diving has its own Olympic qualifying where the country has strong chances of sending two to four divers.

Double-gold medalist Molina will lead the SEAG tankers that will include Arabejo, Walsh, Daniel Coakley, Nikita Dacera, Ernest Dee, Ronald Guiriba, Kendrick Uy, Denjylie Cordero, Ma. Georgina Gandionco, Anna Celina Gonzalez, Jackie Pangilinan, Nicole Santiago and Erica Totten.

SEAG triple-gold winner Shiela Mae Perez leads the divers in the Dec. 6-15 event along with Fil-Canadian twins Dhayna and Nicole Lemay.

NET RESULT: Champions of the recent Accel-PCA Open Age Group Championships show their trophies with tournament organizers. From left, Fritz Verdad, Jacob Lagman, Mark Balce, Vince Tabotabo, PCA president Rey Beltran, Samantha Coyiuto, tournament chair Mike Misa, Ericka Lagura, Accel manager Joy Dimacali, Enah Baba, Regina Santiago and Ernesto Pantua III.



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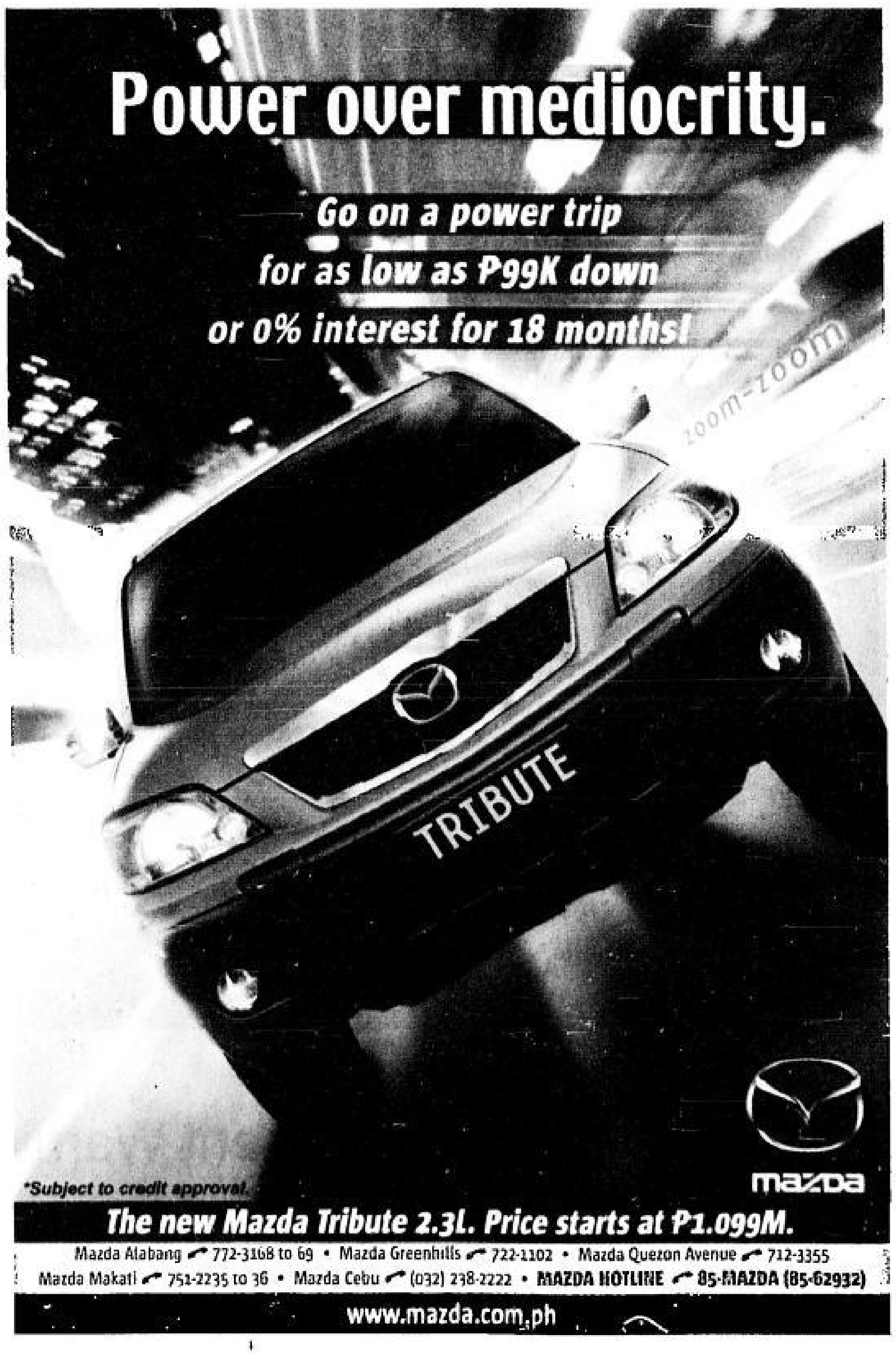

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Girardi new Yankees manager; Torre to LA

NEW YORK—THE NEW YORK Yankees picked experience over popularity, offering the manager's job to Joe Girardi at the risk of watching Don Mattingly walk away from the franchise.

Beloved as team captain, Mattingly was the early favorite to replace Joe Torre and openly coveted the spot. After finding out on Monday he didn't get it, Mattingly told the Yankees he had no interest in returning next year as bench coach or in any other coaching position.

"Don was extremely disappointed to learn today that he wasn't the organization's choice to fill the managerial vacancy," Mattingly's agent, Ray Schulte, said in an e-mail. "Instead, he was informed the organization offered the position to Joe Girardi."

Girardi also beat out Yankees first-base coach Tony Pena, who had the most managerial experience of the candidates.

Meanwhile, Torre, who turned down an offer to stay as manager of the Yankees two weeks ago, will replace Grady Little as manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, several reports here early Tuesday said.

Reports say Mattingly could be hired on Torre's staff.

That move would bring together Mattingly with his son Preston, a first-round choice in the 2006 draft by the Dodgers.

Girardi was the 2006 National League Manager of the Year with the Florida Marlins, plus he has a pinstriped pedigree. The hard-nosed catcher played on three Yankees teams that won the World Series, served as their bench coach in 2005 and was a TV announcer this year. *AP, AFP*

ISF lauds softball meet

INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL Federation (ISF) president Don Porter lauded the sport's congress held recently in the country.

"Definitely it was a successful Congress," Porter said. "A lot was accomplished in the three days we spent here with all the delegates coming from 83 countries from five regions in the world and the different commissions making significant contributions."

Porter even acknowledged the great hosting job by the Amateur Softball Association of the Philippines, headed by sportsman-businessman Jean Henri Lhuillier.

For his part, Lhuillier expressed his own satisfaction at the conclusion of the event.

"It was a great honor for the Philippines to host the Congress and we take pride in the fact that our country has contributed in its own way in making the event a successful one with a lot of positive results for the sport of softball."

The XXIII ISF Congress actually set a new record in turnout.

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8 cities cited for being 'business friendly'

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL has cited eight cities across the nation for being "business friendly" based on the not-for-profit organization's scorecard.

NCC director Virgilio Fulgencio said the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA), which is headed by former Finance Secretary Jesus Estanislao, has declared as model cities San Fernando in La Union, San Fernando in Pampanga, Marikina, Naga, Sorsogon, Calbayog, Iloilo and Tagbilaran.

Fulgencio said the cities were adjudged as a good place to live in, work in and do business with since the local governments were complying with ISA's public governance system and scorecard or PGS.

He explained that the PGS was patterned after the Harvard Business School's "balanced scorecard" applied on LGUs.

PGS measures the progress of a city made in various target areas, including competitive infrastructure, responsible citizenship, growth in the per capita gross domestic product and greater productivity.

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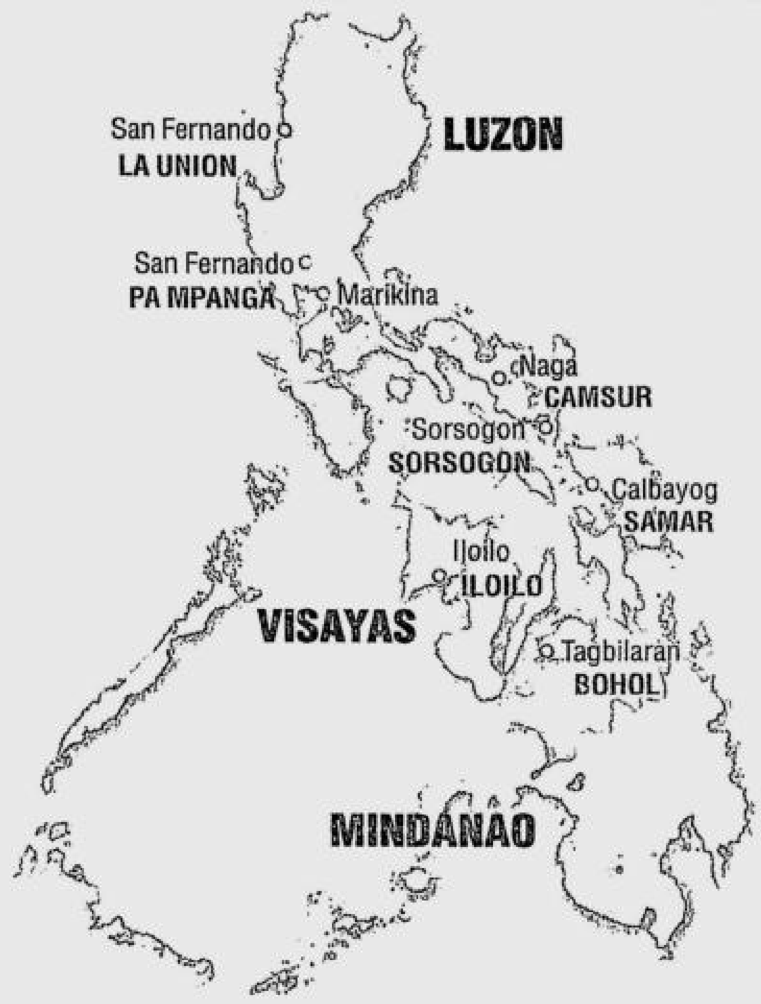
Business-Friendly Cities in the Philippines



BSP sees October inflation at 2.5-3%

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS is bracing for an uptick in inflation in October due to pressures on the prices of food, fuel and utilities.

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. yesterday said this month's inflation rate could peak at 3 percent to a low of 2.5 percent, with the higher end of the range exceeding the six-month high of 2.7 percent posted in September.

Tetangco said the projected increase was "on account of some pressure from higher food prices, fuel prices and non-food prices."

BSP SAYS/ B2

Local, foreign firms to need 725,300 hectares

By Amy R. Remo

FIFTEEN COMPANIES ARE INterested in investing a combined P34.08 billion in planting crops for biofuel feedstock, the Department of Agriculture disclosed yesterday.

In a report to Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap, the DA biofuels feedstock group led by Marriz Agbon said the proposed investments would involve the planting of biofuel feedstock like sugarcane, cassava, jatropha, corn, oil palm and coconut.

According to Agbon, the proposed deals would need about 725,300 hectares of land.

Agbon declined to name the 15 companies, saying the projects were still in various stages of negotiation.

However, he said the negotiations would involve the participation of local companies in partnership with foreign investors from Australia, Japan, the United States, China, the United Kingdom, Germany and India.

He explained that the investments would involve P19.18 billion on the agricultural side and P14.9 billion on the processing plants or infrastructure side.

The investors are reportedly planning to set up processing plants in the Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, Western Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula, Northern and Southern Mindanao and Davao either

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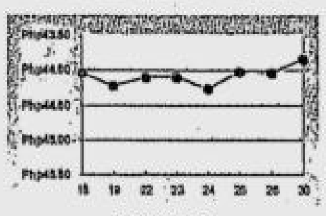


OCTOBER

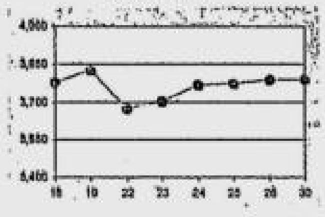
PESO-DOLLAR RATE

₱ 43.85 = $ 1

As of 5 p.m., Oct. 30, 2007

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX

OCTOBER



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Shares close flat ahead of US rate decision

SHARE PRICES CLOSED BARELY CHANGED yesterday with investors locking in early gains ahead of the US Federal Reserve's decision on interest rates, dealers said.

The composite index finished down 1.45 points at 3,783.43 after moving between 3,774.92 and 3,817.74. It was shut Monday for a public holiday.

The broader all-share index rose 6.35 points or 0.3 percent to 2,354.88.

There were 68 gainers and 48 decliners,

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Kepco eyes more RP power generation assets

By Abigail L. Ho

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—KOREA Electric Power Corp., through subsidiary Kepco Philippines Corp., is looking at acquiring existing power generation assets in the Philippines, in preparation for the expiration of its cooperation agreement for the 650-megawatt (MW) Malaya thermal power plant in Rizal.

In a briefing here, Kepco Asia business department director general Kyong-Goo Hur said the company was keen on acquiring some of National Power Corp. assets that would be sold, particularly the geothermal plants.

Kephilco's rehabilitate-operate-manage-maintain (ROMM) contract for the Malaya plant will end in 2010.

Kephilco and joint venture partner SPC Power Corp. will start the construction of a 200-MW coal-fired power plant in Naga, Cebu, by December.

Hur said the joint venture was in talks with engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractors for the project.

The project will use clean coal technology, which limits the emission of harmful nitrogen oxide and sulfur oxide to environment-friendly levels.

It will be implemented by a special purpose company, Kepco SPC Power Corp., which will construct, commission, own, operate and manage the power plant.

A source earlier said the plant would cost about $300-$320 million. It will be financed by a Citibank-led consortium of banks.

The start of the plant's construction, he said, was hinged on the Energy Regulatory Commission's approval of a power supply deal between Kephilco and Negros Occidental Electric Cooperative Inc. The applied rate for the Noceco contract was placed at P4.30 per kilowatt-hour.

Hur, however, said the plant would be built on a "merchant" basis, or as a power plant without an attached supply contract.

The source said the plant would take around 36 months to complete and commission.

Kepco's Philippine operations include Kephilco, which operates the 650-MW Malaya Thermal Power Plant in Rizal, and Kepco Ilijan Corp., which operates the 1,200-MW Ilijan Combined Cycle Power Plant in Batangas.

With its current portfolio, the Korean power giant accounts for around 15 percent of the country's installed generation capacity.

The Korean power firm's investments in the country comes up to about $1 billion.

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Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2007
(Head Office and Branches)

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Items	PHP 2,890,587
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	105,687,643
Due from Other Banks	832,217,376
Held-to-Maturity Financial Assets - Net	962,230,925
Loans and Receivables - Net	6,025,269,190
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment-Net	143,600,140
Real & Other Properties Owned/Acquired-Net	139,918,076
Other Assets	131,091,628
TOTAL ASSETS	PHP 8,342,905,566

LIABILITIES

Deposit Liabilities	PHP 5,276,024,354
Bills Payable	18,808,441
Other Liabilities	1,521,894,121
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,816,726,916

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Capital Stock	100,000,000
Retained Earnings	1,426,178,650
TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	1,526,178,650
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	PHP 8,342,905,566

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Non-Performing Loans (NPLs)	PHP 345,161,336
Ratio of Non-Performing Loans to Total Loan Portfolio (NPL to TLP)	5.51%
Classified Loans & Other Risk Assets	PHP 532,831,522
General Provision for Loan Losses	PHP 59,165,485
Specific Provision for Loan Losses	PHP 211,716,802
Return on Equity (ROE)	46.71%
DOSRI Loans and Receivables	PHP 98,200,000
Ratio of DOSRI Loans and Receivables to TLP	1.57%
Past Due DOSRI Loans and Receivables	-
Ratio of Past Due DOSRI Loans and Receivables to TLP	0.00%
Compliance with Magna Carta	
a. 6% Small Enterprises	91.93%
b. 2% Medium Enterprises	1.91%
Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR on Solo Basis) under Circular No. 538 or Circular No. 280, as applicable	
a. Total CAR	19.68%
b. Tier 1 CAR	18.03%

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We, PONCIANO S. CARREON, JR. and ANGELITA L. ESGUERRA of the above-mentioned bank, do solemnly swear that all matters set forth in the above Balance Sheet are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

PONCIANO S. CARREON, JR.
Comptroller

ANGELITA L. ESGUERRA
President

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 25th day of October at City of Manila affiant exhibiting to me their Community Tax Certificate No.14881375, issued at Makati City on February 10, 2007 and Community Tax Certificate No. 15109788, issued at Makati City on January 10, 2007.

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(Head Office and Branches as of September 30, 2007)
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(Bank Code)

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Items	21,714,667 62
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	12,540,266 26
Due from Other Banks	122,065,198 96
Available-for-Sale Financial Assets-Net	70,000,000 00
Loans and Receivables	1,176,433,274 01
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixture and Equipment-Net	74,936,938 49
Real and Other Properties Acquired-Net	93,762,751 81
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	13,988,000 00
Other Assets-Net	194,327,874 55
TOTAL ASSETS	1,779,748,971.70

LIABILITIES

Deposit Liabilities	1,140,179,016 34
Bills Payable	232,152,168 37
Redeemable Preferred Shares	40,000,000 00
Other Financial Liabilities	34,951,555 52
Other Liabilities	9,883,373 01
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,457,166,113.24

Stockholders' Equity

Capital Stock	197,625,450 00
Other Capital Accounts	77,401,926 82
Retained Earnings	47,555,481 64
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	322,582,858.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	1,779,748,971.70

CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS

Others	4,781,215 52
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	4,781,215.52

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Compliance with Magna Carta - 6% for Small Enterprises	
a 6% Small Enterprises	365,700,594.87
b 2% for Medium Enterprises	41,628,862 47
Non-Performing Loans (NPLs)	74,833,202 90
Ratio of Non-Performing Loans to Total Loan Portfolio (NPL to TLP)	6 12%
Classified Loans & Other Risk Assets	836,259,993 77
General provision for loan losses	8,172,936 56
Specific provision for loan losses	19,158,939 07
Return on Equity (ROE)	19 43%
DOSRI loans and receivables	1,250,000 00
Ratio of DOSRI loans and receivables to TLP	0.10%
Capital Adequacy Ratio (Solo Basis)	
a. Tier 1 (Solo Basis)	17 29%
b. Total (Solo Basis)	19 67%

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We Acting Controller and President and Chief Operating Officer of the above-mentioned bank do solemly swear that all matters setforth in the above mentioned statement of condition are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief

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The governments of the eight cities have partnered with ISA for a program called Dream Cities program, which requires the LGUs to map out a charter that states their visions for the next few years.

Examples are Marikina's goal of becoming Southeast Asia's model city in competitiveness; San Fernando (Pampanga) positioning to become a tourist destination, and Tagbilaran wanting to be a premier eco-cultural tourism hub in Asia.

There are 12 other cities nationwide that have joined ISA's program, including Tuguegarao, Dagupan, Tagaytay, Iriga, Cebu, Dumaguete, Ligao, Panabo, Tacurong, Tangub, Toledo and Samal.

ISA's support include help in strategic planning for spurring business, infrastructure development and zoning while the LGUs are required to involve the community in government affairs.

"They have resources to do these projects," Fulgencio said. "They also need to create an Office of Strategy Management, which is responsible for the core plan within the city."

Formed last year to address perceptions that the country's attractiveness to investors was waning relative to neighboring countries, the NCC has formed six groups to put up action agendas and push initiatives focused on human resources; management expertise in specific public offices; financing to micro, small and medium enterprises; reduction of transaction costs and improved transaction flows; the upgrade of infrastructure, particularly in transportation, and reduction of costs and securing supplies of electricity.

BSP says October . . .

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The BSP chief was expecting an increase in the average prices of vegetables, milk, bread, gasoline, diesel, kerosene, cement and water.

"Nevertheless, we remain optimistic about the benign inflation outlook because of the peso appreciation and controlled monetary growth," Tetangco said. *(See related story on Page 1.)*

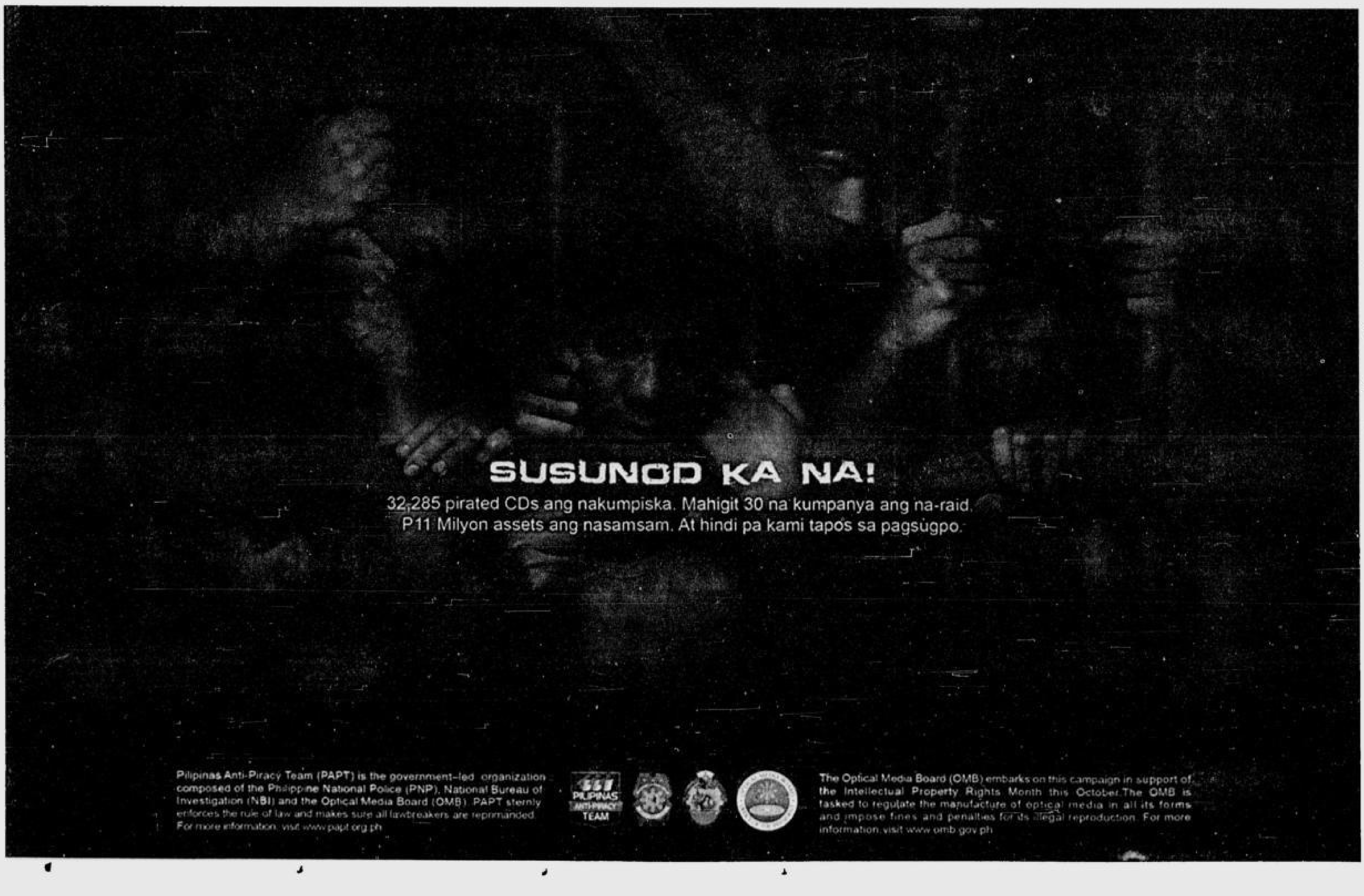
The country's inflation rate has averaged at 2.6 percent in the first nine months of the year, well below the government's official target of 4-5 percent and still at the lower end of the BSP's latest forecast of 2.6-3.1 percent.

The BSP's policy-making Monetary Board slashed the benchmark interest rates by 25 basis points last Oct. 4 on the back of the benign inflation outlook. The BSP's overnight borrowing rate now stands at 5.75 percent and the overnight lending rate at 7.75 percent—the lowest levels in 15 years.

When it eased the overnight rates, the BSP also lowered the rates on the high-yielding special deposit accounts (SDAs), which now mop up double the amount siphoned off by the traditional overnight borrowings.

Analysts said a reduction in the SDA rates would imply a somewhat more significant easing of policy rates than the 25-basis point cut in the BSP rates since SDA yields were 38 basis points above the overnight rates.

Investment banking giant UBS, in a recent commentary, said interest rate cuts for the rest of the year were no longer likely.



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The Optical Media Board (OMB) embarks on this campaign in support of the Intellectual Property Rights Month this October. The OMB is tasked to regulate the manufacture of optical media in all its forms and impose fines and penalties for its illegal reproduction. For more information, visit www.omb.gov.ph

Metrobank raises tier 2 notes offering to ₱8B from ₱5B

By Doris C. Dumlao

METROPOLITAN BANK AND Trust Co., the country's biggest bank, has increased its tier 2 notes offering to P8.5 billion from the original target of P5 billion to take advantage of the warm investor reception to the offer.

"We are very happy with the strong investor response that brought in P11 billion in orders. The issue is 2.2 times oversubscribed," said Metrobank executive vice president Fernand Antonio Tansingco in a statement.

The bank had the option to increase the offering of subordinated notes that should qualify as tier 2 or supplementary capital to P10 billion, the maximum size approved by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' policy-making Monetary Board.

Proceeds from the offering will be used to finance the redemption of $125 million in subordinated notes due 2012, and to boost the bank's capital base, especially under new Basel 2 capital adequacy regulations.

The tier 2 notes were priced at 7 percent coupon and are maturing in 10 years, with a call option after five years. The issue date was Oct. 19, 2007.

ING Bank and Standard Chartered Bank were the joint lead arrangers, bookrunners, selling agents and market-makers for the issue.

Lower tier 2 capital is supplementary capital packaged as an interest-bearing note with a limited tenor of at least five years. The ranking of these notes is subordinated to the claims of depositors and senior creditors.

Global credit watchdog Moody's Investor Service has assigned an investment grade rating of Baa3 on Metrobank's tier 2 notes offering.

Moody's rating scale runs from a high of Aaa to a low of C, comprising 21 notches. The scale is divided into two sections—investment grade and speculative grade. The lowest investment grade rating is Baa3.

BSP sees 7% economic growth in 3rd quarter

Consumption, investments main drivers

THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY LIKELY SUSTAINED in the third quarter the robust growth seen in the first semester despite a slowdown in exports, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said yesterday.

The central bank expects the economy to post a 7-percent growth in the third quarter over a year ago.

BSP Deputy Governor Diwa Guinigundo yesterday said consumption and investments, including public sector investments, were driving growth.

He said the country would have to watch out for the impact on exports of the economic slowdown in the US and other major global economies.

The global economy continued to grow in the second quarter but growth is widely expected to soften in the near term.

Guinigundo said the domestic economy could maintain the robust growth seen in the first semester, as the slowdown in exports could be matched by slower import growth.

"Growth in consumption will be sustained because remittances remained strong," he said.

"Investments inflow has been strong, particularly public sector investments which went up by more than 40 percent," he added.

The government has been able to beef up its infrastructure and social spending this year because of the fiscal space provided by lower-than-expected budget deficits.

The country's gross domestic product (GDP), which sums up all the goods and services produced in a given period, grew at its fastest pace in 20 years in the first semester. The second quarter GDP growth hit 7.5 percent following a revised 7.1-percent expansion in the first quarter.

"On the demand side, GDP growth was boosted by strong household spending, improving capital investments and robust government consumption," BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said in a statement.

He said other demand indicators—such as land and rental values, residential and office vacancy rates, sales of commercial vehicles and appliances, energy consumption as well as employment—showed improvements in the second quarter.

On the supply side, the key driver to growth in the first semester was services, accounting for more than half of the GDP growth.

"GDP growth was broad-based as other production sectors contributed to the economic expansion, with industry output surging by 8 percent and agriculture expanding by 3.9 percent," Tetangco said.

Doris C. Dumlao

UCPB remittance business up 14%

OVERSEAS REMITTANCES COURSED through United Coconut Planters Bank grew by 14 percent to $1.01 billion in the first nine months of the year, from $883 million a year ago.

In a statement, UCPB vice president for remittance marketing Victor Ruben Tuason said the growth would likely continue in the last quarter.

UCPB's share of remittances was growing in line with industry growth. Based on the latest available data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, total OFW inflows from January to August reached $9.3 billion, 15.3 percent higher than the level a year ago.

Tuason said remittances coursed through UCPB and its network of foreign correspondent banks and partners included those from OFWs and the nontrade remittances of overseas businesses, mainly foreign principals of local ship manning agencies and business process outsourcing firms. UCPB aims to capture a bigger slice of the growing foreign exchange remittance business and is eyeing the OFW market to drive future growth, Tuason said.

Early this year, the bank formed a dedicated remittance marketing division to focus on developing special products and services for OFWs and to provide them with more convenient remittance channels.

Tuason said the bank was also expanding its market reach by entering into alliances with foreign and domestic remittance service providers.

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1. The MAGELCO-PALMA through the Pre-Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC) invites interested suppliers and contractors to pre-qualify and bid the following electrical equipment on easy installment plan or lease to own:
   - I. One (1) Unit 10 MVA Power Transformer Off-Load, 69 KV-Delta, 13.2/7.62 KV Wye
   - II. 69 KV Accessories
     - a) Disconnect Switch, 69 KV, 3 Gang - 1 set
     - b) Lightning Arrester, 15 KV station Type - 3 sets
     - c) Circuit Breaker, 69 KV, 3 Phase, SF6 - 1 unit
     - d) Battery Charger & Control Cabinet - 1 set
     - e) Steel Structure 69 KV - 1 set
   - III. 13.2 KV Electrical Component:
     - a) 3 Phase Reclosers - 2 units
     - b) Disconnect Switch 15 KV - 2 sets
     - c) Control Panel (13.2 KV) - 1 set
     - d) Lightning Arrester 15 KV Station Type - 3 sets
     - e) Steel Structure
   - IV. Commissioning/Testing
2. The needed documents for accreditation and Bid forms are available at MAGELCO, Capitan, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao (Tel. No. 064-431-0088). A Bid fee of Php 3,500.00 is required and non-refundable;
3. The following schedule shall be strictly observed:

Submission of Documents for accreditation	November 08, 2007
Issuance of bid documents	November 22, 2007
Submission and opening of bids at Villarica, Midsayap, Cotabato	December 07, 2007 (09:00 a.m.)

4. Sealed bids will be opened in the presence of all attending bidders, members of the PBAC and a representative from the Internal Audit Department;
5. The bidder with the most favorable offer of installment plan or lease to own shall be awarded the contract;
6. PBAC reserves the right to award or reject any or all bids in accordance to the existing NEA procurement policy.

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Explosion insurance

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General

SINCE THE GLORIETTA EXPLOSION INCIDENT, there has been a lot of talk, including in insurance circles, about the kinds of insurance policies that were probably in force.

First, let us talk about explosion. The insurance industry classifies explosions as either physical or chemical.

A physical explosion is caused by excessive air, gas or steam pressure.

A steam generator or water boiler can explode because of too much pressure resulting from the failure of the safety mechanism, or, the boiler tender falling asleep during his watch.

In a physical explosion, there is no ignition or even a spark.

A bomb explosion is the most common example of a chemical explosion.

A sufficient quantity of a flammable gas like methane contained in a large compartment can explode with disastrous results. At a high enough temperature, even dust, especially coal dust, explodes in an enclosed space.

According to the latest press reports, the police are reaching the conclusion that the explosion was due to a methane explosion—meaning, a chemical explosion.

The standard fire insurance policy does not cover explosion.

Explosion insurance is available either as an extension to the fire policy (at an additional premium, of course) or under special policies.

One such special policy is the boiler policy, specifically designed to cover industrial boilers, such as those found in steam-powered electric generating plants.

The boiler policy covers not only damage to the boiler and the surrounding property, but also bodily injury to third parties.

For an establishment like Glorietta, explosion insurance (or insurance against damage to property arising out of explosion) is available under special clauses (at additional premiums, of course) that extend the coverage of the basic standard fire policy.

The most common of these clauses is the Extended Cover. The less common is the Broad Water Damage clause covering such incidents as bursting of pipes.

Glorietta would also have a Comprehensive General Liability policy, which protects against legal liability to third parties arising out of bodily injury and property damage. For an establishment that is always full of people, the sums insured, or the limits of liability, under the policy would probably be substantial.

If Glorietta were held legally liable for the incident, everybody who got hurt, and the beneficiaries of those who died, can file their claims under this policy.

Finally, there are two exclusions found under any policy whatsoever that we should discuss.

First, ever since Hiroshima, a nuclear explosion, which technically is a chemical explosion as I explained above, has been a standard exclusion in all policies.

The risk of nuclear explosion is just too great for any insurer to bear.

Second, if the Glorietta incident were a terrorist attack, none of the existing policies would respond.

Except in very rare instances, no insurance policy covers terrorism nowadays.

ATS profit hits ₱481M

By Riza T. Olchondra

THE SALE OF THREE SUPERFERRY VESSELS enabled Aboitiz Transport System Corp. (ATS) to post a net income of P480.8 million as of September this year, after incurring losses last year, the company said in a statement.

ATS suffered a net loss of P353.2 million in the first nine months of 2006.

Revenue-wise, ATS posted total consolidated revenues of P8.3 billion during the nine-month period, about the same as what it recorded in the same period last year.

However, ATS has sold three vessels since last year, reflecting total gains of P622.7 million.

The proceeds of the vessel sales were used to pay down P1.7 billion in debt.

Consequently, finance costs dropped by 72 percent from P222.8 million to P63.5 million.

The company's freight revenues reached P5 billion, the same level as last year, despite reduced capacity due to the sale of three vessels.

ATS said higher revenues generated by its international chartering business compensated for the lost freight capacity.

Passage revenues dropped 11 percent versus the same period last year, mainly due to stiff competition from other shipping companies and airlines.

ATS said it was determined to drive up passage demand by offering year-round promotional rates.

Income from operations has improved considerably to P119.8 million from a loss of P274.9 million in 2006.

Similarly, earnings before interest and depreciation and amortization increased 39 percent from P723.9 million in 2006 to P1 billion in 2007.

ATS attributed this to aggressive cost-saving and efficiency-enhancing measures. Total costs and expenses were down 5 percent or P388.3 million to register at P8.2 billion as of September.

The Aboitiz Group brought its first ship into service in 1907 and is celebrating its 100th year in the transport business this year.

Biofuel . . .

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through straight purchases, lease arrangements, contract growing or joint ventures.

In all the arrangements, he said, farmers stood to earn more through profit sharing, guaranteed income packages or straight purchases of harvested crops, and benefit from new planting technologies that would create more jobs and boost production.

Last January, President Macapagal Arroyo signed into law RA 9367 or the Biofuels Act, which aims to "ease the country's addiction to imported and pollution-generating petroleum products."

Yap earlier said that the growing global demand for crops-based alternative fuels would energize Philippine farms, increase farmers' income and reduce the country's dependence on imported energy sources.

According to a report by the Asian Institute of Petroleum Studies Inc., the reduction in fuel consumption as a result of the Biofuels Act would save the country P17.3 billion a year.

Yap added that the Biofuels Act would give an extra boost to the sugar and coconut industries, which employ some 56,000 sugarcane farmers and 3.5 million coconut farmers.

The coconut industry, for instance, is projected to generate coco diesel sales of about P3.5 billion a year.

Studies done by the Philippine Coconut Authority showed that with the local consumption of diesel pegged at 7 billion liters a year, the Philippines would need at least 70 million liters of coco biodiesel in compliance with the provisions of the Biofuels Act.

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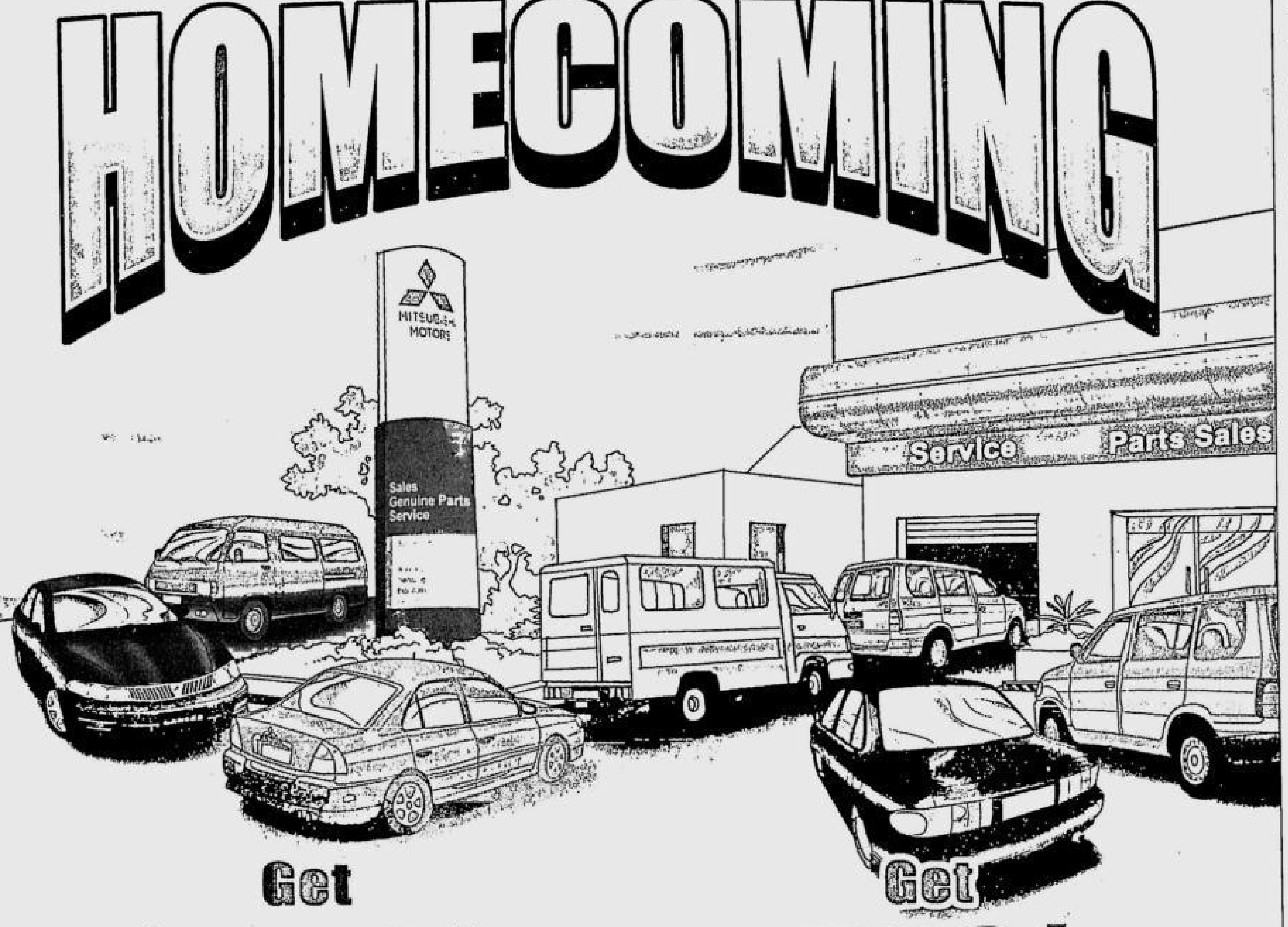

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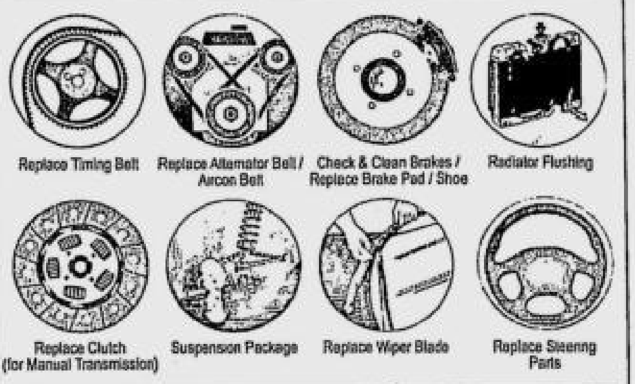
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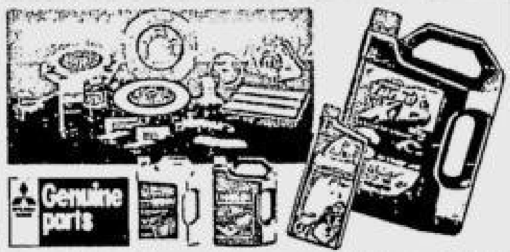

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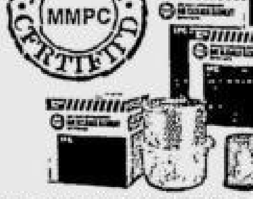

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SBMA: SC ruling doesn't cover Philip Morris project

$20-M tobacco facility said to be used only for storage

By Ronnel W. Domingo

SUBIC AUTHORITIES SAID THAT THE Philip Morris International's $20-million tobacco leaf warehouse project at the Freeport would not be covered by the Supreme Court decision, allowing the collection of sin taxes at the port.

In a statement, the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority said the tax would not apply on PMI's facility since the structure would only be used to store tobacco leaf in Subic for use in its Batangas cigarette factory or for export to other PMI production facilities abroad.

Under Republic Act No. 9334, which increased the excise tax rates imposed on alcohol and tobacco products, the importation of these products—even if destined for duty-free shops—shall be subject to all applicable taxes, duties and charges.

However, SBMA said the law also provided that tobacco products may be exempt from prepayment of excise tax "if the same are to be exported, or used in the manufacture of other tobacco products on which the excise tax will eventually be paid."

Still, SBMA expressed its concern for some 30 Subic-registered companies engaged in the importation, warehousing and retailing of tobacco and alcohol products, saying these will be directly affected by the collection of excise taxes.

The SBMA described the Supreme Court ruling—which voided an Olongapo City court's suspension of sin tax collection in Subic—as a "big blow" to the free port regime in Subic, as well as to government efforts in developing Subic as an investment center and a premier logistics hub in Southeast Asia.

SBMA Administrator Armand Arreza had said that, under RA 7227, or the Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992, Subic-registered establishments were granted tax-exempt privileges for the goods they brought into the Freeport.

"If we were to slap excise taxes on the merchandise imported by Subic-registered companies, it would be like changing the rules in the middle of the game," Arreza said. "If we would reverse our policy of giving tax-free benefits to investors in Philippine free ports, then we would risk losing entire industries in the Subic Bay Freeport Zone."

STUDY ON MICROFINANCE AMONG RURAL BANKS
Romulo Neri, current chair of the Commission on Higher Education, receives a copy of a doctoral dissertation on microfinance among rural banks from Jaime I. Romero, a doctoral graduate of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. According to the paper, most respondents appreciate the values of corporate social responsibility and financial responsibility. A strategic approach was proposed to institutionalize microfinance among rural banks.

In Congress, bills filed to uphold IP rights

THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE IS pushing for a wish list of bills in Congress as American firms acknowledged the country's gains in protecting IP rights—a development that is seen to improve business confidence in the Philippines.

Adrian S. Cristobal Jr., IP Philippines director general, said the agency was pushing for laws that would implement the provisions of the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) Internet Treaties, which the country acceded to in 2002.

Cristobal said in a statement that the treaties would create the foundation for a healthy expansion of e-commerce in member countries that ratify them, specifically in terms of generating more jobs, paving the way for more secure and diversified economies, and spurring social and cultural advancement.

"There are new proposals in Congress, such as House Bill No. 1033 or An Act Penalizing Mall and Store Owners Engaging in the Sale of Contraband Products, and House Bill No. 1409, or the Anti-Cable Television and Cable Internet Pilferage Act," he said. "These are expected to strengthen the country's IP rights regime."

Also, the Optical Media Board—part of the National Committee on IP Rights, which the IPO heads—is drafting proposed amendments to the Optical Media Law of 2003 amid the proliferation of high-tech equipment that can replicate optical media.

Cristobal said he had met earlier this month with representatives of the US-Asean Business Council, who cited the country's gains in building a strong IPR regime.

Also, US-ABC president Matthew Daley said the council "attach(es) a great deal of importance to the work of IP Philippines."

"Countries with a strong regime on intellectual property have been able to attract upscale investors and investments," Daley said.

IP Philippines has reported that from January to September, combined efforts of the NCIPR's enforcement agencies yielded an estimated value of P2.3 billion worth of seized counterfeit goods. *Ronnel W. Domingo*

Next Mobile to tap telcos for text messaging

By Riza T. Olchondra

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS technology firm Next Mobile Inc. is preparing for text messaging interconnection with Smart Communication, Globe Telecom, and Sun Cellular to expand its menu of offerings for the corporate market.

Next Mobile CEO Mel Velarde told reporters that the company has interconnected its voice services to Sun and Smart, and expects to interconnect with Globe as well.

"We just lack text messaging (interconnection)," he said. "We are working out interconnection with Smart and Globe within the fourth quarter."

Interconnection refers to the linkage of two or more telecommunications carriers with one another to enable subscribers of one operator to reach subscribers of the other carriers. The linkage may be through wire, radio, satellite or other means.

Velarde said the company could grow its present subscriber base of 23,000 corporate accounts to about 143,000 by 2009.

The company began its foray into the international market with the launch of Myworld, a mobile phone service that offers unlimited calling, benefiting Filipinos working and living abroad and their relatives in the Philippines, local businesses with international partners, and foreign nationals of multinational companies.

The niche telecom player is pouring in P600 million to roll out the handset-bundled services meant for corporate clients.

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BALANCE SHEET
(Head Office and Branches)
As of September 30, 2007

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Items	₱ 6,512,519,189.80
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	67,470,228,415.90
Due from Other Banks	25,487,614,411.56
Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	9,206,766,494.71
Available-for-Sale Financial Assets-Net	87,423,264,391.72
Held-to-Maturity (HTM) Financial Assets-Net	3,995,694,321.12
Unquoted Debt Securities Classified as Loans-Net	11,240,338,873.41
Investments in Non-Marketable Equity Security-Net	79,461,719.36
Loans and Receivables-Net	281,309,163,681.24
Interbank Loans Receivable	58,240,240,450.00
Loans and Receivables - Others	215,368,923,231.24
Loans and Receivables Arising from RA/CA/PR/SLB	7,700,000,000.00
Other Financial Assets	3,125,723,027.92
Equity Investment in Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures -Net	25,800,990,069.65
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixture and Equipment-Net	8,406,999,873.26
Real and Other Properties Acquired-Net	22,768,174,743.67
Other Assets-Net	18,629,714,280.46
TOTAL ASSETS	₱ 571,456,653,493.78

LIABILITIES

Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	₱ 1,264,652,937.50
Deposit Liabilities	456,737,202,812.53
Bills Payable	15,172,107,062.20
a) BSP (Rediscounting and Other Advances)	401,783,990.40
b) Interbank Loans Payable	888,118,561.29
c) Others	13,882,204,510.51
Unsecured Subordinated Debt-Net	14,589,507,741.20
Due to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	154,847,127.30
Other Financial Liabilities	5,892,578,338.32
Other Liabilities	15,369,856,855.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES	509,180,752,874.39

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Capital Stock	40,842,996,655.44
Other Capital Accounts	12,236,490,869.18
Retained Earnings	9,196,413,094.77
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	62,275,900,619.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	₱ 571,456,653,493.78

CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS

Guarantees Issued	₱ 198,694,842.21
Financial Standby Letters of Credit	94,022,617.22
Performance Standby Letters of Credit	6,403,737,683.79
Commercial Letters of Credit	7,386,285,162.19
Trade Related Guarantees	409,222,464.66
Spot Foreign Exchange Contracts	7,295,368,728.13
Trust Department Accounts	145,689,652,928.05
a) Trust and Agency Accounts	116,655,964,799.59
b) Unit Investment Trust Fund (UITF)	16,937,688,743.12
c) Other Trust and Fiduciary Accounts	12,095,999,385.34
Derivatives	125,513,875,749.46
Others	13,547,725,722.39
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	₱ 306,538,585,898.10

Additional Information:

Non-Performing Loans (NPLs)	₱ 15,388,593,379.53
Ratio of Non-Performing Loans to Total Loan Portfolio (NPL to TLP)	5.28
Classified Loans & Other Risk Assets	26,697,137,184.10
General provision for loan losses	2,243,860,053.09
Specific provision for loan losses	8,135,686,813.60
Return on Equity (ROE)	12.24
DOSRI loans and receivables	9,217,707,560.57
Ratio of DOSRI loans and receivables to TLP	3.16
Compliance with Magna Carta:	
a. 6% for Small Enterprises	6.42
b. 2 % for Medium Enterprises	15.91
Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR on Solo Basis) under Circular No. 538 or Circular No. 280, as possible	
a. Total CAR	12.09
b. Tier 1 CAR	9.71

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(Sgd.) AVA MARIE T. IGNACIO*
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President

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(Bank and Financial Subsidiaries)
As of September 30, 2007

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Items	₱ 7,367,877,170.49
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	72,926,778,249.67
Due from Other Banks	33,149,678,415.62
Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	12,552,990,230.73
Available-for-Sale Financial Assets-Net	104,836,924,695.26
Held-to-Maturity (HTM) Financial Assets-Net	9,786,586,898.89
Unquoted Debt Securities Classified as Loans-Net	15,504,048,851.24
Investments in Non-Marketable Equity Security-Net	419,757,050.24
Loans and Receivables- Net	335,074,768,841.54
Interbank Loans Receivable	59,201,093,549.09
Loans and Receivables - Others	267,973,675,292.45
Loans and Receivables Arising from RA/CA/PR/SLB	7,900,000,000.00
Other Financial Assets	3,420,237,206.70
Equity Investment in Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures -Net	12,303,374,322.75
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixture and Equipment-Net	11,495,108,120.82
Real and Other Properties Acquired-Net	24,893,979,954.26
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	408,954,539.12
Other Assets-Net	20,811,733,745.73
TOTAL ASSETS	₱ 664,952,798,293.06

LIABILITIES

Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	₱ 1,264,652,937.50
Deposit Liabilities	504,727,901,894.89
Bills Payable	51,372,163,509.70
a) BSP (Rediscounting and Other Advances)	401,783,990.40
b) Interbank Loans Payable	1,888,118,561.29
c) Other Deposit Substitute	25,100,835,012.55
d) Others	23,981,425,945.46
Bonds Payable-Net	150,000,000.00
Unsecured Subordinated Debt-Net	16,557,160,727.98
Due to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	173,105,566.60
Other Financial Liabilities	6,148,873,653.13
Other Liabilities	19,792,665,175.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES	600,186,523,465.25

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Capital Stock	40,842,996,655.44
Other Capital Accounts	12,062,890,869.18
Retained Earnings	9,196,413,094.77
Minority Interest in Subsidiaries	2,663,974,208.42
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	64,766,274,827.81
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	₱ 664,952,798,293.06

CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS

Guarantees Issued	₱ 198,694,842.21
Financial Standby Letters of Credit	94,643,833.22
Performance Standby Letters of Credit	6,403,737,683.79
Commercial Letters of Credit	7,437,019,337.66
Trade Related Guarantees	421,176,318.11
Spot Foreign Exchange Contracts	7,295,368,728.13
Trust Department Accounts	157,638,958,391.01
a) Trust and Agency Accounts	116,655,964,799.59
b) Unit Investment Trust Fund (UITF)	16,937,688,743.12
c) Other Trust and Fiduciary Accounts	24,045,304,848.30
Derivatives	125,513,875,749.46
Others	13,650,701,519.26
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	₱ 318,654,176,402.85

Additional Information:

1 List of Bank's Financial Subsidiaries.
- a. First Metro International Investment Co., Ltd. - Hong Kong
- b. First Metro Investment Corporation
- c. Philippine Savings Bank
- d. MBTC Venture Capital Corporation
- e. Metropolitan Bank (Bahamas) Ltd.
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- j. ORIX Metro Leasing and Finance Corporation
- k. Solid Philippines Venture Capital Corporation
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- m. Metro Remittance (UK) Ltd.
- n. Metro Remittance Singapore PTE Ltd.
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- p. Philbancor Venture Capital Corporation
- q. Metro Remittance Center (California), Inc.

2. Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR on Consolidated Basis) under Circular No. 538

a. Total CAR	13.60
b. Tier 1 CAR	9.43

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF MAKATI)S.S

We, Arthur Ty and Ava Marie T. Ignacio of the above-mentioned Bank, do solemnly swear that all matters set forth in the above Statement of Condition are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(Sgd.) AVA MARIE T. IGNACIO*
Vice President

(Sgd.) ARTHUR TY
President

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, this 23rd day of October, 2007 at Makati City, affiants exhibiting to me their Community Tax Certificate No. 17674696, issued at Makati City on January 30, 2007 and Community Tax Certificate No. *16931719, issued at Makati City on March 16, 2007, respectively.

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(Sgd.) RUTH SALOME A. MAGPAYO
Notary Public
Until December 31,2007
PTR No.0314726, 01-12-07, Makati City

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Globe Business offers SME Business Loop

GLOBE TELECOM CHARGES FULL SPEED ahead on its mission to provide services that are easy-to-use and are relevant to consumers with another innovation in communications-the SME Business Loop Package (B-Loop), a service that offers discounted rates within a calling circle, complemented by a loading facility for the prepaid lines within its "loop".

B-Loop allows discounted calls within a loop. These are calls made between Globe postpaid to Globe postpaid, Globe postpaid to Globe prepaid and vise versa, and Globe postpaid or prepaid to a Globelines. There should be a minimum of 10 prepaid lines within a loop to avail of the standard B-loop rates that can be as low as P3.50 per minute.

To maximize the value for money of companies, Globe also offers Autoload MAX Corporate Editor (Amax CE) to complement B-Loop. Top-ups for the prepaid lines in the SME B-loop must be reloaded via Amax CE

The Amax CE is a web-based service that allows companies to easily and securely load their prepaid lines individually or in bulk, track load spending, schedule automatic monthly loading, and view online loadings anytime.

With its easy-to-use interface, Amax CE gives companies complete control over managing their prepaid credits. Globe's Amax CE online tools can track usage by department, by location, even down to individual employees. Transactions are immediately reflected and chosen indicators are constantly updated.

Companies can start reaping the benefits of SME B-Loop for a minimum initial load of P2,500 on Amax CE. Once enrolled in the program, companies need to top-up at least P2,500 a month for the entire company wallet. Plan range starts at a minimum monthly Amax CE top-up load of P250 per user.

The companies are not the only beneficiaries of the Amax CE service. Individual employees also benefit from the Amax CE because it eliminates the tedious process of individual reloads and reimbursement of prepaid cards.

The top-ups may be handled either by Globe or by the company availing of the service.

For more information on the SME Business Loop, call hotline 730-1288 or e-mail sme@globetel.com.ph.

Fass Inteli offers caregiver program

ASHTON COLLEGE, A PRESTIGIOUS school in Canada, has authorized a private school in the Philippines to offer exclusively its six-month caregiving academic programs that will provide Canadian know-how and information to those seeking a chance to work in Canada.

The agreement between Ashton College and Fass Inteli College, which is based in Cubao, Quezon City, allows Fass Inteli to provide healthcare programs that are also accredited by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority or Tesda, according to Fass Inteli president Ariston Adan.

The completion of the Caregiver NC-2+ (Meeting Canadian Qualification) meets both Philippine and Ashton College academic requirements and bestows the graduate with a diploma in Care Giving from Fass. The diploma also bears Ashton College's logo stating that Fass is its duly approved study center in the Philippines, Adan said.

Adan said the school already has its first batch of students under the program and enrollment for the second batch is currently ongoing. The program is the only one of its kind accredited by Tesda in the country.

The courses are very affordable, while visa processing and placement assistance are also offered for a separate fee, he added.

"The good thing is, each class is composed of only 20 students, so that our professors can give our students the best focus possible. And because of the small size of each class, Fass Inteli is able to adopt a continuing enrollment scheme for the course," Adan said.

There are still slots left for the next class that will start this October, but spillover applicants will be immediately constituted into another class of 20 so they will not have to wait long to start the course, Adan added.

To qualify for the caregiver program, applicants must be 21 to 45 years old, must have completed at least 72 units in college, and must pass an English proficiency examination given by Ashton College online through Fass Inteli. The examination is free of charge.

More details about the program and schedules of classes are available at Fass Inteli at 911-8050, 439-7878 and 912-5325 (telefax) or at www.fass-inteli.com.

Apayao
Baguio

'REDISCOVER BAGUIO' DRIVE LAUNCH

The Baguio Conventions and Visitors Bureau (BCVB), through Manila North Tollways Corp's (MNTC) 'Rediscover the North' program, recently launched a campaign to lure tourists back to Baguio City. Highlighting the launch is the unveiling of a 24-page Baguio City Travel Map and Guide (inset). It features a detailed map of the country's summer capital, and dozens of popular and new tourist destinations like the Burnham Park and Kennon Road. Showing their support to the campaign are Benguet 1st District Rep. Mauricio Domogan (4th from right), Baguio City Mayor Reinaldo Bautista (not shown), Baguio Councilor Richard Cariño (4th from left), MNTC VP for marketing Renato Ticzon (left), BCVB executive director Amboy Guevarra Jr (3rd from left), MNTC senior marketing manager Grace Ayento (2nd from right), DOT-CAR regional director Pura Molintas (right), The Manor general manager Heiner Maulbecker (2nd from left), and Panagbenga Baguio Flower Festival Foundation president lawyer Damaso Bangaoet (3rd from right).

Cityland completes project early

THE PACIFIC REGENCY UNIT OWNERS have a reason to celebrate an early Christmas.

Cityland, twice awarded as the country's leading condominium developer of the year by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), recently announced that units at the 39-story building will be turned over starting October this year, eight months earlier than its estimated date of completion, June 2008. This is the company's second project this year to be turned over ahead of schedule.

The early turnover is due to Cityland's fervent commitment to deliver its promise, coupled with 27 years of expertise in the business and time-tested strategies in condominium development. The advance completion means early return of investment for investors and convenience for homeowners.

Buildings within the same vicinity, like the Cityland Vito Cruz Towers 1 and 2, are easily occupied where a long list of interested lessees await. Parents can now avoid the hassle of looking for an accessibly secure place for their children studying in nearby schools.

Investors may now lease out their units a little less than a year ahead providing them with unexpected eight-month additional income. Unit owners currently renting units can now move in, saving them several months' worth of lease.

Strategically located along Pablo Ocampo Sr Avenue, The Pacific Regency is just a walk away from De La Salle University, College of St. Benilde, St. Scholastica, SM, Harrison Plaza, hotels, banks and several other commercial establishments. The building is 99-percent sold and is an ideal residence, office and business place.

Cityland is currently developing two other Manila projects-The Manila Residences along Taft Avenue and Manila Executive Regency along Jorge Bocobo, Malate. Both projects are in full swing. The Residences will be completed by March 2011, and The Regency by December 2009.

For more details and queries, interested buyers may call 812-2222 (Makati); 687-3333 (Ortigas); 567-3333 (Vito Cruz); 242-1212 (Manila). Or log on to www.cityland.net.

TKC Steel share offer gets PSE nod

THE PHILIPPINE Stock Exchange (PSE) has approved the application of local steel producer TKC Steel Corp. to sell up to 235 million additional common shares worth P2.7 billion, the company quoted an advise from the stock exchange's legal counsel as saying.

TKC earlier said it would offer the additional shares at between P8 and P11.50 each.

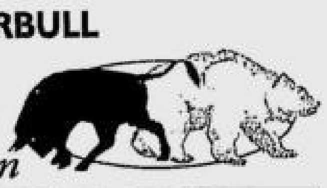
Documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) showed that the offer period was set from Nov. 9 to 15.

The follow-on offering will churn out gross proceeds of between P1.88 billion and P2.7 billion.

TKC has appointed First Metro Investment Corp. as financial adviser, issue manager and lead underwriter for this offering. *Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson*

Gold nears $800, oil at record $92

MR. BEARBULL



Ron Nathan

I AM WRITING THIS ARTICLE IN REHAB, not with Britney Spears or Lindsay Lohan as I don't take drugs or drink. I am here because I injured my spine and can hardly move. Most of the people here are athletic types who injured their backs playing basketball, one from skydiving and one from bungee-jumping. Believe it or not, I did mine playing no-limit Poker.

There were eight of us and as we don't play for real money, we decided to play for dollars. Everybody had good hands and were raising and re-raising. One had an ace-high full house, another, four of a kind, another, a straight but I had the best hand possible, a royal flush. Flush with success, I reached over to grab all the money on the table, I felt an agonizing pain in my left side.

I went into a room, which bore a sign, THE RAPIST. I was shocked until someone explained that it read THERAPIST. I was immersed in a bath of hot cola, which relieved the pain slightly and fizzed like crazy. I suppose that is how it became known as fizzyotherapy. The masseur then put a boiling hot compress on me and plugged it into the electricity. Unfortunately, instead of plugging it into the AVR, he plugged it into the mains, so I received 22,000 volts.

Then came the ultrasonic waves, which tingle, and are turned up until you scream for mercy. Lastly, comes the traction machine. I was strapped down at my chest, stomach and thighs, and the machine was supposed to be set at one-quarter of my body weight. By mistake, it was set at 4 times, so it kept pulling and pulling until now, I am 6 foot 2 inches and look like Dennis Rodman. For some reason, the patient always falls in love with the machine operator. I think it is the law of a traction.

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Last week, stocks plunged after a blast in Glorietta killed 11 people and injured many more. Bomb investigators said they found traces of C4, a powerful explosive, but the government said that this was a reference to a road that is being built to join the C5, and it was due to a faulty gas tank of methane. The truth will never be known but a man was seen carrying chemicals into ALI. He has been identified as Chemical Ali and if you see him hanging around, notify the nearest police station.

The US market has been totally chaotic and therefore unpredictable. One night, I went to bed and the DOW was off 200 points. Next morning, to my astonishment, it closed flat. The same thing happened the next night when a fall of 150 points was suddenly reversed because of good results from Apple or Google.

Then the DOW crashed 367 points and the Hang Seng 744 points because of bad earnings reports from banks linked to the subprime mortgage crisis. Thereafter, it rose steadily on news that housing sales were at their lowest since 1999, there was a glut of unsold homes exceeding one million and prices were expected to fall next by up to 10 percent. In California, the number of homes is being reduced by Bush fires.

The American public doesn't really care if a million people lose their homes because of excessive or adjustable mortgage rates. All they are concerned about is whether Bernanke will cut interest rates on Oct. 30. The futures market predicts an 86-percent chance of a 25-basis point cut and a 14-percent chance of a 50-point basis cut. Nobody expects interest rates to remain unchanged but if they are, Wall Street will plummet. In all countries outside the US, men between 18 and 35 spend 60 percent of their spare time thinking about sex. In America, the average male spends 2 percent of his time thinking about sex, 6 percent about the Red Sox and 92 percent about interest rates.

Another reduction will weaken the dollar even further, it is already at an all-time low against the euro. Jim Rogers is selling all his dollar assets and switching into the yuan, which he predicts will triple or quadruple over the next decade. I agree with his thinking but not with his figures. Other major financial gurus are abandoning the dollar and switching into soft and hard commodities, euros and Swiss francs. It will not be long before Hong Kong maids insist on being paid in Hong Kong dollars.

In China, the economy just keeps growing with third quarter GDP growth at 11.2 percent. Inflation is 6.2 percent, twice the central bank's 3-percent target, and industrial production surged 18.9 percent. The central bank has already raised rates five times this year and might do so again in the near future. President Jintao is trying to prevent boom turning into bust as a swelling trade surplus, up 69 percent, fuels stock prices, inflation and factory spending.

Premier Jiabao said the government would restrict land use and new projects, curb bank lending and target excessive gains in inflation and house prices. An economist at Morgan Stanley said, "We expect the yuan to appreciate more quickly over the next three months as part of measures to cool the economy." Although overshadowed by China, India with its population of 1.2 billion is growing at 10 percent.

Over the next 20 years, these two countries will grow in importance at the expense of the US and other first world countries. Eventually, China will overtake the US as the world's largest economy and it has just overtaken Germany, moving into third place behind the US and Japan. Greenspan is bullish about China, the UK and some third world countries but he is bearish about Russia and some other countries.

In Asian currencies, the Singapore dollar hit a new high and the ringgit rose to a seven-year high. The rupee has risen by 12 percent this year, just beating the peso, now close to 44. The strong Asian currencies are already affecting exports and the IMF has predicted that Singapore's growth rate will fall from 7.5 percent to 5.8 percent next year. Weaker expansion is also seen in the Philippines, Malaysia, Taiwan and South Korea.

Fifteen years ago, China only made 20-30 percent of the components needed to assemble products; that has now climbed to 80-90 percent, so China can afford to reduce exports and concentrate on manufacturing capital goods previously brought from abroad.

As there will be only two days when the stock exchange will be open this week, I will probably skip writing, as there will be little to write about. Hopefully, like my phone, I will be mobile by then.

CURRENCIES

October 30, 2007 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.693241	1.000000	44.0450
Japan	Yen	0.006046	0.008721	0.3841
United Kingdom	Pound	1.430295	2.063200	90.8736
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.089436	0.129012	5.6823
Switzerland	Franc	0.595363	0.858811	37.8263
Canada	Dollar	0.727506	1.049428	46.2221
Singapore	Dollar	0.477242	0.688421	30.3215
Australia	Dollar	0.639050	0.921829	40.6020
Bahrain	Dinar*	1.840299	2.654632	116.9233
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.185483	0.267559	11.7846
Brunei	Dollar	0.475604	0.686059	30.2175
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000076	0.000110	0.0048
Thailand	Baht	0.021862	0.031536	1.3890
UAE	Dirham	0.188797	0.272339	11.9952
EU	Euro	1.000000	1.442500	63.5349
Korea	Won	0.000765	0.001103	0.0486
China	Yuan**	0.092747	0.133788	5.8927
Denmark	Kroner	0.134172	0.193543	8.5246
India	Rupee	0.017631	0.025432	1.1202
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.207806	0.299760	13.2029
New Zealand	Dollar	0.532975	0.768817	33.8625
Sweden	Kroner	0.108575	0.156620	6.8983
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.021397	0.030865	1.3594

Source: Reuters' forex closing prices as of NY time—Oct. 29, 2007

* Various banks in Bahrain as quoted in Reuters' Screen.

** Asian time closing rate as of Oct. 29, 2007

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
Regional Office No. III
Maimpis, Govt. Center
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Rehabilitation of LTO-Region III Motor Vehicle Inspection Station Renovation and improvement of MVIS building

The LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE - REGION III, through the SSARO NO. LTO-151-12-2007-004 dated January 12, 2007 Fund 151-MVUC, intends to apply the sum of Nine Million Eight Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Two Pesos and 91/100 Only (P9,802,402.91) being the Approved Budget for Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Renovation and Improvement of Motor Vehicle Inspection Station (MVIS) Building of LTO Region III. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE - REGION III now calls for the submission of Letters of Intent (LOIs) from potential Bidders to apply for eligibility for the Renovation and Improvement of MVIS Building. Bidders should possess a valid PCAB license applicable to the above type and cost of the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC, and meet the other minimum eligibility requirements stated in the Eligibility Documents. Interested Bidders must submit their LOIs on November 06 to 07, 2007, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the Conference Room, LTO-Region III, Government Center, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and secure the Eligibility Documents therefrom. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. The last day for the submission of the accomplished Eligibility Documents shall be on November 07, 2007, 5:00 pm at Conference Room, LTO-Region III, Government Center, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. Only those Bidders passing the eligibility check will be entitled to purchase the Bidding Documents.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted, unless otherwise stated, to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with the IRR-A of R.A. 9184, only Bids from eligible Bidders will be opened. In accordance with the IRR-A of R.A. 9184 a contract will only be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder who was determined as such during post-qualification.

Interested Bidders shall submit their accomplished Eligibility Documents to the BAC Secretariat at LTO-Region III, Government Center, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga on November 07, 2007.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE - REGION III and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on November 12, 2007.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Bidders that passed the eligibility check upon the presentation of the Notice of Eligibility to the BAC Secretariat, at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Ten Thousand Pesos Only (P10,000.00). The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the bidder or his authorized representative on November 12, 2007.

The LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE - REGION III will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all Eligible Bidders on November 13, 2007, 2:00 pm at the Conference Room, LTO-Region III, Government Center, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Eligible Bidders must submit their Bids at the address below on or before 2:00 pm of November 26, 2007. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in any of the following form:

Form of Security	Minimum Amount in % of Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid (ABC)
1.) Cash, certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit	One percent (1%)
2.) Bank guarantee	One and a half Percent (1 1/2%)
3.) Surety bond	Two and a half Percent (2 1/2%)
4.) Foreign government guarantee	One hundred Percent (100%)

or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted. Bid opening shall be on November 26, 2007, 2:00 pm. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below on November 26, 2007, 2:00 pm.

Completion of the Works is required within one hundred eighty five (185) calendar days after the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

The LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE - REGION III reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders

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(Sgd.) JESUS MA. Y. VITUG
BAC Chairman

(PDI—Oct. 31, 2007)

Shares . . .

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while 54 stocks were steady.

Volume amounted to 4.2 billion shares valued at P5.4 billion.

The US central bank will meet Tuesday and Wednesday and is widely expected to trim the federal funds rate by at least 25 basis points to contain the fallout from the troubled US housing sector.

It slashed the key rate by 50 basis points last month. But local investors will be unable to react to the Fed's decision immediately because Philippine markets will be closed again for public holidays on Thursday and Friday.

PLDT fell P55 to P3,015, extending its decline to a third consecutive session after rallying early this month to record highs.

PLDT rival Globe Telecom also extended its pullback from record levels, ending down P5 at P1,715. *AFP*

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of October 30, 2007)

52-WKS HIGH	52-WKS LOW	STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
		BANKS					
17.5	6.4	Asiatrust Development Bank Inc.	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.6	20,000
73	43	Banco de Oro-EPCI Inc.	62.5	63	61.5	61.5	611,000
73.5	53	Bank of the Philippine Islands	70	70.5	68	68	2,209,500
748	536	China Banking Corp.	720	720	715	720	1,640
23.5	18.5	Citystate Savings Bank	23.25	23.25	23.25	23.25	300
0.63	0.36	Export and Industry Bank Inc.	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	400,000
75.5	45	Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company	61.5	63.5	61.5	62.5	4,997,500
65.5	34.5	Philippine National Bank	49	49	48.5	49	247,800
68	42	Philippine Savings Bank	60.5	61	60.5	61	1,700
39.57	16.96	Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.	28.5	28.5	27.5	28	2,363,800
90	60	Security Bank Corp.	76	77	76	76	57,500
66	45.99	Union Bank of the Philippines	51	51	50	50	458,300
		OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
5.6	1.92	ATR KimEng Financial Corp.	4	4	4	4	200,000
2.22	0.6	Bankard Inc.	2.04	2.04	1.98	2.02	3,539,000
16.25	4.35	CitisecOnline.com Inc.	14.75	15	14.25	14.5	952,400
1.6	0.5	First Abacus Financial Holdings Corp.	0.99	1	0.98	1	630,000
5.9	4.9	I-Remit Inc.	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.2	1,477,000
1,925.00	1,570.00	Manulife Financial Corp.	1,850.00	1,925.00	1,850.00	1,925.00	2,900
5	2.95	Nat'l Reinsurance Corp. of the Phils.	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	2,585,000
3.1	1.1	PCI Leasing and Finance Inc.	1.96	1.96	1.96	1.96	158,000
1,390.00	241	The Philippine Stock Exchange Inc.	1,175.00	1,390.00	1,175.00	1,300.00	74,790
2,370.00	1,970.00	Sun Life Financial Inc.	2,370.00	2,370.00	2,365.00	2,365.00	950
1.94	1.3	Vantage Corp.	1.54	1.56	1.54	1.56	551,000
		ELECTRICITY, ENERGY, POWER & WATER					
6.2	3.8	Aboitiz Power Corp.	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.4	7,834,000
70.5	49	First Gen Corp.	61	61.5	60	60	2,099,900
92	51	First Phil. Holdings Corp.	86	86	86	86	60,400
17.5	8.8	Manila Water Company Inc.	16.75	17	16.75	17	3,057,800
105.45	23.64	Manila Electric Company	83	83.5	82	83	1,372,500
7.8	4.1	PNOC Energy Development Corp.	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.6	18,443,000
6.9	3.9	Petron Corp.	6.7	6.9	6.7	6.9	7,833,000
14.75	6.6	Phoenix Petroleum Philippines Inc.	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	4,000
2.3	0.99	Trans-Asia Oil and Energy Dev't Corp.	2.28	2.28	1.98	2.08	35,319,000
		FOOD, BEVERAGE & TOBACCO					
6.3	3.2	Alaska Milk Corp	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	52,000
2.05	1.66	Alliance Tuna International Inc.	1.86	1.86	1.82	1.84	112,000
6.9	2.24	Central Azucarera De Tarlac	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	112,000
28.5	19.5	Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	26.5	27	26.5	27	213,300
61	39	Jollibee Foods Corp.	52	52	51.5	51.5	908,200
27	20	Liberty Flour Mills Inc.	27	27	27	27	200
0.98	0.5	RFM Corp.	0.76	0.78	0.75	0.75	1,420,000
3.8	2.06	Roxas Holdings	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	57,000
80	58	San Miguel Corp. A	59.5	59.5	59	59.5	88,900
88	59.5	San Miguel Corp. B	62	63.5	62	62.5	56,600
0.66	0.31	Swift Foods Inc.	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	50,000
6.5	3	Tanduay Holdings Inc.	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	1,000
22	13.75	Universal Robina Corp.	14.25	14.5	14.25	14.5	4,474,700
0.55	0.26	Vitarich Corp.	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	60,000
		CONSTRUCTION, INFRASTRUCTURE & ALLIED SERVICES					
6.1	2.64	EEI Corp.	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	79,000
9.2	4.95	Holcim Philippines Inc.	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.3	809,000
7	2.6	Republic Cement Corp.	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.45	410,000
2	0.48	Southeast Asia Cement Holdings Inc.	1.12	1.16	1.1	1.14	11,679,000
		CHEMICALS					
6.3	3.75	Chemrez Technologies Inc.	4.6	4.65	4.6	4.6	[illegible]
		DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS					
0.75	0.17	Picop Resources Inc.	0.41	0.41	0.39	0.39	[illegible]
		HOLDING FIRMS					
3.9	2.6	A. Soriano Corp.	3.25	3.3	3.25	3.3	101,000
0.17	0.044	AJO.net Holdings Inc.	0.115	0.12	0.115	0.12	40,700,000
1.28	0.235	APC Group Inc.	0.74	0.74	0.72	0.72	2,220,000
3.65	1.5	ATN Holdings Inc. A	2.85	2.9	2.85	2.9	765,000
0.018	0.0075	Abacus Cons. Res. and Hold'gs Inc. A	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	467,000,000
0.019	0.0075	Abacus Cons. Res. and Hold'gs Inc. B	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	8,700,000
9.7	5.6	Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc.	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	2,894,000
0.021	0.0075	Alcorn Gold Resources Corp.	0.017	0.017	0.016	0.016	76,300,000
7.3	3.5	Alliance Global Group Inc.	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.5	10,338,000
1.5	0.33	Asia Amalgamated Holdings Corp.	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	110,000
2.9	0.89	Anglo-Philippine Holdings Corp.	2.4	2.5	2.38	2.46	7,913,000
620	397.92	Ayala Corp.	615	620	615	620	294,580
5.8	1.42	Benpres Holdings Corp.	4.45	4.5	4.4	4.45	3,012,000
11	4.7	DMCI Holdings Inc.	9.4	11	9.4	10.75	12,094,000
6.9	1.08	Eton Properties Philippines Inc.	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	10,000
8	2.55	Filinvest Development Corp.	5.8	6.8	5.8	6.8	100,000
3.55	1.54	House of Investments Inc.	2	2	2	2	206,000
14.5	7.8	JG Summit Holdings Inc.	11	11.25	11	11.25	72,100
0.95	0.28	Mabuhay Holdings Corp.	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	750,000
11.5	1.48	Minerales Industrias Corp.	7.1	7.2	6.9	7	1,845,000
8.5	2.95	PAL Holdings Inc.	6.7	6.7	6.4	6.4	185,000
0.28	0.014	Pacifica Inc. A	0.21	0.215	0.205	0.205	49,110,000
0.75	0.185	Prime Orion Philippines Inc.	0.47	0.48	0.46	0.47	5,210,000
2.1	1.2	Republic Glass Holdings Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	63,000
452.5	263.74	SM Investments Corp.	380	382.5	377.5	380	616,380
2.1	1.08	Seafront Resources Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.36	1.36	68,000
0.73	0.13	Sinophil Corp.	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	1,800,000
1.06	0.61	Solid Group Inc.	0.8	0.8	0.78	0.78	210,000
2	0.9	South China Resources Inc.	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.6	1,639,000
23	1	TKC Steel Corp.	15	15	15	15	4,000
0.75	0.1	Wellex Industries Inc.	0.38	0.38	0.35	0.37	1,330,000
1.1	0.26	Zeus Holdings Inc.	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	30,000
		PROPERTY					
2.34	1	A Brown Company Inc.	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	150,000
8.9	5	Anchor Land Holdings Inc.	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.8	76,000
19.25	11.88	Ayala Land Inc.	16.5	16.5	15.75	16	15,430,700
1.88	1	Belle Corp.	1.32	1.36	1.32	1.34	857,000
4.7	2.9	Cebu Holdings Inc.	4.2	4.2	4.15	4.2	45,000
0.86	0.39	Crown Equities Inc.	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	630,000
0.83	0.24	Cyber Bay Corp.	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	230,000
0.99	0.52	Empire East Land Holdings Inc.	0.77	0.77	0.75	0.76	11,050,000
0.47	0.055	Ever Gotesco Res. and Hold'gs Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.27	1,160,000
1.48	0.61	Fil-Estate Land Inc.	1.1	1.12	1.1	1.12	5,824,000
2.44	1.26	Filinvest Land Inc.	1.82	1.84	1.8	1.82	67,443,000
0.49	0.11	Gotesco Land Inc. A	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	40,000
1.12	0.31	MRC Allied Industries Inc.	0.59	0.6	0.59	0.6	800,000
4.6	1.85	Megaworld Corp.	4.35	4.4	4.3	4.4	31,669,000
6.4	1.5	Metro Pacific Investments Corp.	4.85	4.85	4.7	4.75	288,000
0.7	0.125	Phil. Estates Corp.	0.36	0.36	0.33	0.33	1,100,000
0.87	0.32	Phil. Realty and Holdings Corp.	0.54	0.54	0.5	0.52	5,050,000
23	14.25	Robinson Land Corp.	20.25	20.75	20.25	20.5	9,808,100
5.9	1.52	SM Development Corp.	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	1,523,000
13.5	7.12	SM Prime Holdings Inc.	12	12.25	12	12	18,837,600
3.25	1.32	Shang Properties Inc.	2.36	2.36	2.32	2.34	201,000
1.34	0.46	Suntrust Home Developers Inc.	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	350,000
0.49	0.09	Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	1,090,000
7.5	3.65	Vista Land and Lifescapes Inc.	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	5,888,000
4.5	0.38	Zipporah Realty Holdings Inc.	3.6	3.9	2.75	2.9	25,310,000
		MEDIA					
38.5	18.75	ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	34.5	34.5	33.5	33.5	78,800
11.75	8	GMA Network Inc.	9	9	8.8	8.9	505,000
1.14	0.9	Manila Bulletin Publishing Corp.	1	1	1	1	50,000
		TELECOMMUNICATIONS					
2.12	1.1	Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	1.42	1.5	1.42	1.5	6,550,000
1,745.00	1,110.00	Globe Telecom Inc.	1,710.00	1,720.00	1,700.00	1,715.00	127,650
3,285.00	2,250.00	Phil. Long Distance Telephone Co.	3,070.00	3,070.00	3,005.00	3,015.00	216,000
8.1	5	Pilipino Telephone Corp.	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.5	3,066,000
		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
0.39	0.17	Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.215	0.215	0.21	0.215	1,770,000
12	2	Diversified Financial Network Inc.	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	5,000
11.5	2	IPVG Corp.	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	670,000
0.065	0.027	ISM Communications Corp.	0.043	0.043	0.041	0.042	20,700,000
0.32	0.044	Island Info and Technology Inc.	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	1,810,000
2.08	1.1	Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.24	1.34	1.22	1.28	134,000
0.0725	0.03	PhilWeb.Com Inc.	0.055	0.055	0.0525	0.055	69,400,000
5.8	1.34	Transpacific Broadband Group Int'l. Inc.	3.1	3.2	3	3.15	3,488,000
		TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
2.14	1.14	Aboitiz Transport System Corp.	1.46	1.58	1.46	1.58	7,000
6.8	3.6	Asian Terminals Inc.	4.05	4.15	4.05	4.15	120,000
42.5	18.5	Int'l Container Terminal Services Inc.	41	41.5	41	41.5	2,210,200
2.16	0.93	Keppel Philippines Marine Inc.	2	2	2	2	110,000
		HOTEL & LEISURE					
16.5	5	Acesite (Phils.) Hotel Corp.	9	9	9	9	21,136,000
4.25	1.8	Leisure and Resorts World Corp.	2.9	2.95	2.9	2.95	148,000
6	2.16	Manila Jockey Club Inc.	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	60,000
0.98	0.32	Premiere Entertainment Prod'ns Inc.	0.67	0.72	0.67	0.71	3,020,000
1.2	0.5	Waterfront Philippines Inc.	0.86	0.86	0.8	0.8	3,020,000
		EDUCATION					
3.7	2.6	iPeople Inc.	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	180,000
		DIVERSIFIED SERVICES					
6	1.98	Macroasia Corp.	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.3	592,000
17.25	9.8	Pacific Online Systems Corp.	12.25	12.5	12.25	12.5	93,100
30	10.5	Parys Inc.	11.25	11.5	11.25	11.25	804,100
		MINING					
0.017	0.0065	Abra Mining and Industrial Corp.	0.012	0.012	0.011	0.011	88,500,000
7.6	3.6	Apex Mining Company Inc. A	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.7	535,000
7.7	3.85	Apex Mining Company Inc. B	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	20,000
21.25	7.8	Atlas Cons. Mining and Dev't Corp.	16	16.5	16	16	9,659,300
14.25	8.9	Benguet Corp. A	13.25	13.25	12.75	12.75	65,000
11.5	1.8	Dizon Copper Silver Mines Inc.	11.25	11.5	10	10.5	3,865,300
3.1	0.57	GEOGRACE Resources Phil. Inc.	2.6	2.65	2.5	2.55	32,884,000
0.39	0.18	Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. A	0.35	0.36	0.34	0.34	39,910,000
0.42	0.22	Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. B	0.38	0.38	0.37	0.37	5,800,000
0.038	0.017	Manila Mining Corp. A	0.027	0.028	0.027	0.027	95,000,000
0.041	0.02	Manila Mining Corp. B	0.029	0.03	0.029	0.03	106,600,000
30	1.98	NiHAO Minerals Res. Int'l Inc.	25	25.5	24.25	24.5	2,256,800
0.021	0.0079	Omico Corp.	0.014	0.014	0.014	0.014	657,500,000
10.75	3.5	Philex Mining Corp.	10.25	10.75	10.25	10.25	29,390,000
43.5	14.75	Semirara Mining Corp.	39.5	43.5	39.5	43	169,900
1.36	0.47	United Paragon Mining Corp.	0.97	0.97	0.86	0.87	12,370,000
1.8	0.68	Vulcan Industrial and Mining Corp.	1.34	1.34	1.28	1.28	3,600,000
		OIL					
0.58	0.25	Basic Energy Corp.	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.35	1,580,000
0.029	0.0095	Oriental Pet. and Minerals Corp. A	0.028	0.028	0.027	0.027	503,600,000
0.03	0.01	Oriental Pet. and Minerals Corp. B	0.029	0.029	0.027	0.028	154,700,000
13.75	9	Petroenergy Resources Corp.	13.75	13.75	12.25	12.5	1,034,300
0.032	0.0089	The Philodrill Corp.	0.032	0.032	0.03	0.03	1,203,000,000

AVERAGES				VOLUME	VALUE
Financial	954.75	UP	0.70	21,600,080	756,083,510.00
Industrial	4,700.36	UP	56.40	103,223,500	764,582,345.00
Holding Firms	2,208.02	UP	32.73	695,686,060	703,132,735.00
Property	1,714.41	UP	7.74	204,850,400	1,078,764,230.00
Service	1,839.62	DOWN	24.90	140,070,850	1,235,421,480.00
Mining & Oil	8,443.15	UP	214.15	2,952,039,600	770,959,005.00
All Shares Index	2,354.80	UP	6.35		
PSEI	3,783.43	DOWN	1.45		
		GRAND TOTALS		4,117,470,490	5,300,953,305.00

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Empire East signs deal with Edsa lot owner

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

EMPIRE EAST LAND Holdings Inc., a 46-percent controlled firm of Megaworld Corp., has signed an agreement with the landowner of a 13,359-square meter property along Edsa corner Pasong Tamo Extension in Makati for a high-rise condominium project.

The property is located on the former MC Home Depot across from the Metro Rail Transit Magallanes station.

Empire East said it has entered into an agreement with Asia Pacific Consolidated Land Holdings Inc., the landowner, for the joint development of the lot into a high-rise, mixed-use condominium project.

Details of the project have yet to be finalized, a company source privy to the project said.

Asia Pacific will contribute the land while Empire East will take care of constructing the project.

Empire East earlier secured the nod of stockholders to expand its capital to P23.5 billion from P10.5 billion to pave the way for a fund-raising activity through a stock rights offer.

In an earlier disclosure to the stock exchange, Empire East said its expanded capital would consist of 21.5 billion common shares and 2 billion preferred shares.

Preferred shares have no voting rights but get first crack at a portion of the company's earnings (dividends) distributed to shareholders.

Empire East Land vice president for finance Evelyn Cacho wrote in the company's disclosure that the subscribed portion of the increase in capital would be funded by proceeds of a preemptive rights offer to be undertaken by the company.

Proceeds of the rights offer would be used to accelerate the development and construction of the company's projects, retire debts and finance the acquisition of properties for development.

Under the preemptive rights issue, Empire East will offer one new share for every three existing common shares.

INQUIRER sources had said the company could raise fresh funds of about P2.7 billion from its stock rights offer.

Empire East plans to spend some P8 billion over the next five years mostly to build condominiums catering to the middle-income earners.

AEV 9-month profit jumps 63%

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC. (AEV) reported yesterday that its net income for the first nine months grew 63 percent to P3.9 billion from P2.4 billion in the same period last year, boosted by its power and banking businesses.

In a disclosure to the stock exchange, AEV said earnings per share improved to 59 centavos from 49 centavos during the period under review.

AEV said it booked a gain of P4.8 billion from the sale of shares in Union Bank of the Philippines and Aboitiz Power Corp.

Last May 10, Union Bank offered additional shares under what is called a follow-on offering consisting of 90 million common shares at an offer price of P59 a share.

Last July 16, Aboitiz Power listed its 1.79 million shares at P5.80 each on the Philippine Stock Exchange. AEV said it recognized the gains on dilution directly under equity instead of recording it as part of the consolidated net income.

AEV said the contribution from the power group grew by 11 percent year on year to P2 billion from P1.8 billion on the back of a 25-percent revenue growth recorded for the period, where distribution and generation accounted for 78 percent and 21 percent, respectively.

The power distribution business contributed net earnings of P957 million to AEV, a 4-percent improvement from last year's P925 million.

The financial services group contributed net earnings of P963 million in the first nine months, also up 34 percent. This was be attributed to the strong showing of both Union Bank and City Savings Bank.

Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

First Gen ties up with Iceland firm

FIRST GEN CORP. AND ICELAND-BASED Reykjavik Energy Invest (REI) have teamed up to bid for the government's 60-percent stake in geothermal power producer PNOC Energy Development Corp. (PNOC-EDC).

REI is the international business development and investment arm of Reykjavik Energy and Geysir Green Energy. Geysir Green is a leading investment company within the geothermal industry investing in developing projects as well as geothermal operations.

Reykjavik Energy is touted as a world leader in the use of geothermal energy. REI and Geysir Green announced their merger early this month.

In a disclosure to the stock exchange, First Gen said it has formed a joint venture with REI that will explore geothermal energy opportunities within and outside the Philippines.

The sale of the government's stake in PNOC-EDC is the first such project that the companies will work together on.

Details of the joint venture have yet to be disclosed.

The government has set Nov. 5 for the submission of qualification documents for the PNOC-EDC bid from interested parties. The bidding is slated on Nov. 21.

Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

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ALABANG COUNTRY CLUB "B"	1,250,000	1,150,000
BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB	600,000	570,000
MANILA GOLF (CORP)	-	20,000,000
MANILA GOLF (IND)	23,000,000	18,000,000
MANILA POLO	5,000,000	4,700,000
MANILA SOUTHWOODS "A"	290,000	260,000
MANILA SOUTHWOODS "B"	650,000	-
STA. ELENA "A"	1,600,000	-
STA. ELENA "B"	-	1,900,000
TAGAYTAY COUNTRY CLUB	300,000	280,000
TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS	680,000	630,000
TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	650,000	630,000
WACK-WACK GOLF CLUB	10,000,000	9,500,000

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NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION/S FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT/S (AEP/S)

Notice is hereby given that the following companies/employers have filed with this Regional Office application/s for Alien Employment Permit/s:

Name and address of Company/Employer	Name of Foreign National/Citizenship	Position
JAIMAALAKSHMI LENDING & TRADING CORP. U-112-3A Balagtas Villas, Balagtas St., Pasay City	Balli Singh Indian	Assistant Manager
PHILROMANIAN TRADING INC. 2502 Atlanta Centre, 31 Annapolis St., Greenhills, San Juan City	Mihai Pistalu Romanian	Executive Int'l. Consultant
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS PHILIPPINES, INC. 17/F Tower 2, The Enterprise Center, 6766 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Douglas Jay Saks American	Analyst-Installation and Maintenance
JAIMAALAKSHMI LENDING & TRADING CORP. U-112-3A Balagtas Villas, Balagtas St., Pasay City	Satnam Singh Indian	Branch Manager
CHIYODA PHILIPPINES CORPORATION Meralco Ave. cor. Gen. Araneta St., Pasig City	Kenji Hotta Japanese	President
SYSTRA PHILIPPINES BRANCH M/F MRT 3 Depot, EDSA cor. North Ave., North Triangle, Quezon City	Pascal Michel Alfred Marcel Anger French	Project Consultant Director
SYSTRA PHILIPPINES BRANCH M/F MRT 3 Depot, EDSA cor. North Ave., North Triangle, Quezon City	Pascal Rene Francis Pellacoeur French	Authorized Representative and Project Manager
NATIONAL PEN PHILIPPINES LLC 42/F Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza 6819 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Martin James Shearsmith British	Director
SIKH LENDING & TRADING CO. LTD. 2276 Buencamino St., Makati City	Gurdip Singh Indian	Sales Representative
JETTHOL MOTOR SALES 133 D. Aquino cor. 8th Ave., Caloocan City	Abid Chou Chinese	General Manager
SEUNG EUN TOUR CORP. Pacific Rainbow Suites Hotel, 1766 Adriatico St., Malate, Manila	Seung Min Hong Korean	General Manager
OHSUNG TRAVEL & TOURS AGENCY, INC. Unit 13-8137 Plaza J. Escriva Drive, Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Sang Gyu Lee Korean	Asst. Supervisor for Operations
WEPHONE ONLINE, INC. Unit A, 21/F Strata 2000 Bldg., Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Hye Won Jang Korean	Customer Service Manager
HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES PHILIPPINES INC. 53/F PBCom Tower, 6795 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Ning He Chinese	Account Manager
JAIMAALAKSHMI LENDING & TRADING CORP. U-112-3A Balagtas Villas, Balagtas St., Pasay City	Amarjeet Singh Indian	Bookkeeper
JAIMAALAKSHMI LENDING & TRADING CORP. U-112-3A Balagtas Villas, Balagtas St., Pasay City	Inderjeet Singh Brar Indian	Supervisor
THE PRESIDENT OF THE MANILA MISSION OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, INC. 13 Temple Drive, Greenmeadows, Quezon City	Ronald Albert Millett American	Director for Temporal Affairs
ASIAN HOSPITAL, INC. 2205 Civic Drive, Filinvest Corp. City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City	Erik Curtis Fox American	Chief Executive Officer
SHIMIZU CORPORATION 5/F King's Court Bldg. I, 2129 Chino Roces Ave., Makati City	Noritsugu Tomota Japanese	Project Manager
FIBERLINE INDUSTRIES INC. 130 4th St., 10th Avenue, Caloocan City	Wenqiang Zhang Chinese	Plant Engineer

If you have any information/objection to the above-mentioned application/s please communicate with the Regional Director.

Agatha Ann L. Daquigan
OIC, Regional Director

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Ma. Regina Villa Mendoza

peacefully joined her Creator on October 30, 2007 at the age of 48.

She is survived by her loving husband
Atty. Eleno M. Mendoza, Jr.

children **Karla** and **Gino**, mother **Sarah**
sisters **Susan** and **Anna**, brothers **Romulo, Jr.** and **Danilo**
sister-in-law **Nitz**, brothers-in-law **Edwin, Nito** and **Nard**
and nephews and nieces.

Her remains lie in state at **Chapel 1** of the
Mortuary and Crematory at The Heritage Park
until **November 2, 2007.**

Cremation will be on **November 3, 2007 at 8:00am**
followed by a Necrological Mass at
St. Alphonsus De Liguori, Magallanes, Makati City.

Mortuary and Crematory at The Heritage Park

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To the family and friends of the late

Hans Arber,

we thank you for your thoughts of sympathy signified through your presence at the wake, prayer cards, flowers, telephone calls, emails or text messages.

All these expressions of affection were deeply appreciated, as were your shared memories of **Mr. Arber** or **Tatay**, or **Lolo Hans**, as you endearingly addressed him.

Thank you again and again.

Juan C. Alonzo, Jr.

"Johnby"

January 20, 1954 – October 26, 2007
Sangguniang Bayan – Ballesteros, Cagayan

Beloved husband to **Anna Marie Garello**
loving father to **Kobe** and **Joshua**
son to **Johnny Alonzo** (†)
and **Charing Cartagena**
brother to **Carlo, Pinky, Pat** (†), **Mayyang,**
Pia, Seg, Val, Peking and **Jugo**
brother-in-law to **Linda, Ray, Romy,**
Paddy, Jo Ann and **Bhel**
uncle to **Johnjohn, Letlet, Angelica, Richard,**
Patrick, Micaela, Matthew, Paolo, Alec (†),
Chavelli, Mike, Ian, Jeric, Dana, Nadine,
Dominic, Xavier, Gail and **Alex.**

Interment will be at 9:00 a.m., on Saturday, 3 November 2007, at Ballesteros, Cagayan.

Death Notice

ROGELIO AGONCILLO ESTRECHO

December 25, 1942 – October 29, 2007

Died in the Grace of our Lord at the age of 64.

His body lies in state at Ambassador Memorial Chapels, (2nd Flr., Chapel A), 257 A. Mabini St., Caloocan City.

Cremation to be announced later.

"...absent from the body to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8

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on his
1st Death Anniversary

JOSE MARI A. GOZON

Malabon City
May 19, 1974 – October 31, 2006
B.S. Chemistry – UP Diliman, Q.C. Class 1996

His loving parents **Renato & Cerelina**; brother **Josefino**; sister-in-law **Josephine**; niece **Mary Jaden**; nephew **Benedict**; request relatives, friends & classmates to remember him in their prayers. Holy Mass will be offered for him today at 6:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church, Malabon City.

Our family wishes to say goodbye
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WHEREAS, Joint Ventures are one of the modes of compliance to Sec 18 of RA 7279;

WHEREAS, Joint Ventures are governed by the law on partnerships;

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BUSINESS

Uncertainty marks consortium's stand

Group can't commit to additional gas production from Malampaya reserves

By Abigail L. Ho

THE MALAMPAYA DEEP WATER GAS-TO-Power project consortium remains uncertain on whether or not it can commit to provide additional gas from the Malampaya reserves, apart from the gas now being used to fuel three power plants with a total capacity of 2,700 megawatts (MW).

Facundo Roco, an executive of consortium member Shell Philippines Exploration BV (Spex), told reporters that the matter of producing additional gas from the gas field still has to be carefully assessed.

"We're still assessing whether or not we can still produce more gas (beyond the 2,700 MW)," said Roco, Spex general manager for external affairs. "The reserves are three kilometers under the ground, so it's not easy to determine that. We can't commit yet, at this point."

In a separate interview, Rafael Del Pilar, president of consortium member PNOC Exploration Corp., said there might be more gas from the field that could be pumped out at this time, but this had to be thoroughly studied.

A more definite statement could likely be made by January, he said.

Spex had earlier said it would study the possibility of increasing gas production at the Malampaya gas field to enable it to support between 300 MW and 500 MW of additional capacity in Luzon.

The additional gas could be used to fuel new capacity that should come in time for the projected critical period in Luzon by 2010 or 2011.

Service Contract 38 states that gas extracted from the Malampaya gas find should be enough to support a capacity of 3,000 MW.

Right now, Malampaya supplies gas to the 1,200-MW Ilijan, 1,000-MW Sta. Rita and 500-MW San Lorenzo plants, all in Batangas.

In an earlier interview, Shell companies in the Philippines country chair Edgar Chua said Spex was still assessing the current situation before coming up with an investment plan for the planned increase in gas production.

"Everything depends on the timing," he said. "It's something we are looking at, but are yet to finalize. We'll get back to the (Department of Energy) soon since this forms part of our program."

He said that there were some issues that had to be reviewed, including the fact that, for a long time, the offtakers were drawing below minimum take-or-pay levels due to transmission constraints.

"There are still issues on the transmission side," he said. "We can only come up with a good number once the way forward is clear."

Consolidation spells trade success for BIMP-Eaga

By Judy Quiros
Inquirer Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—THE MAIN PLAYers in the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East Asean Growth Area (BIMP-Eaga) are now seeking to eliminate internal trading and competition in favor of consolidation, in a bid to capture larger markets, a senior Mindanao businessman said.

Vicente Lao, chair of the Mindanao Business Council (MBC), told reporters after the opening of the BIMP Investments Conference (Icon) at the Marco Polo Hotel here last week that they were hoping "networking" would eventually help the members develop the trend of trading with the international market.

He said internal trading had become a barrier for economic improvement within the sub-region due to similarities of products.

Eaga groups the economies of Mindanao, Sulawesi, Sandakan (Borneo), and Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei's capital.

"The BIMP Icon is a venue where BIMP-Eaga member countries will share ideas on how to develop products to meet the emerging trend of products in the international market," he said.

Lao added that consolidation is a key factor in accessing the international market, which could really propel the economies of Eaga members.

"We need to create economies of scale," Lao explained. "It would not be economically viable to sell our coconuts for instance to Indonesia, which also produces the same product. The trend is to consolidate our products and sell it to China or other countries, which are not producing coconuts."

Merly Cruz, director of the Department of Trade and Industry in Southern Mindanao, agreed that consolidation is a good measure to adopt.

But she warned that it should be sustainable.

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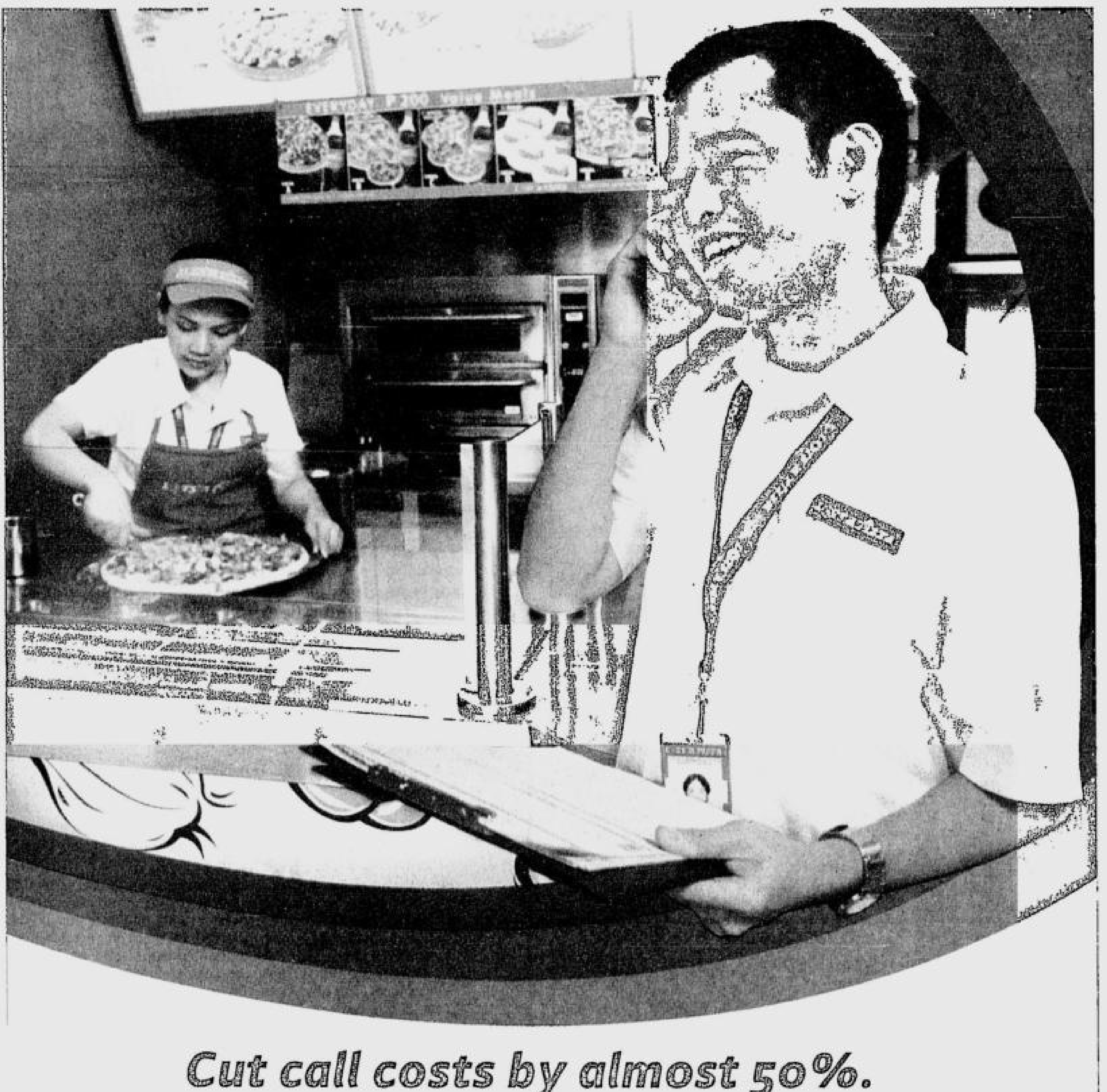

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Of green cars and hot rides

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

TOKYO—THE TOKYO MOtor Show has always been about technology and this year's 40th staging of one of the world's leading automobile expos is no exception as green cars featuring advanced propulsion technology share centerstage with some of today's fastest and most powerful production cars.

This writer finally got the chance to get up close and personal with the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution X as well as Fuji Heavy Industries' (maker of Subaru brand of vehicles) new Impreza WRX STI.

Of course, this writer also witnessed the much-awaited debut of the all-new Nissan GT-R (more on this later).

"It only shows that while the car industry is continuously developing solutions to increase energy efficiency and reduce a car's environmental impact, carmakers will never stop dishing out passion-inspiring high-performance sports cars," said Raymond Tribdino, Nissan Motor Philippines Inc. senior manager for market and product planning.

Paraded

Indeed, while Nissan finally rolled out its most anticipated muscle car, it also paraded its latest breakthroughs in gasoline, diesel and electric-powered vehicles.

According to Tribdino, Nissan sets a midterm environmental action plan called "Nissan Green Program 2010" that aims to seek ways to maximize the fuel economy of internal combustion engines.

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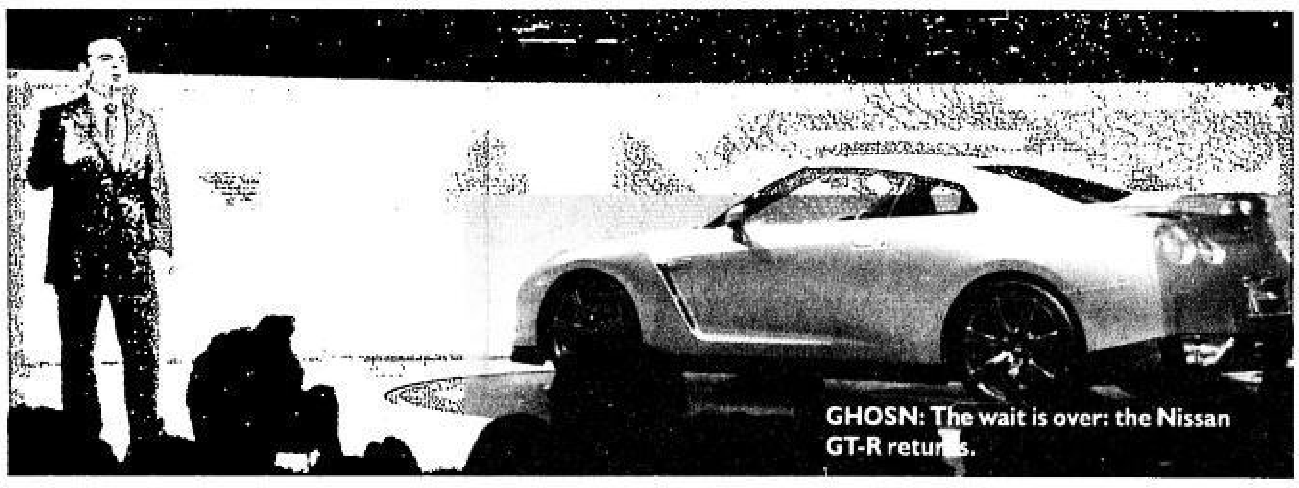
EVERY styling aspect of the all new GT-R—from the overall design to the smallest details—is created to maximize the vehicle's driving experience.



GHOSN: The wait is over: the Nissan GT-R returns.

The all-new GT-R ready to roll

THE UNVEILING OF THE ALL-NEW Nissan GT-R last week was an event that has been long expected.

Its prototype was initially unveiled at the 2001 Tokyo Motor Show, which gave hint at its manufacturer's plan to revive the badge (the last Nissan Skyline GT-R series was made in 2002).

Then, during the 2005 Tokyo Motor Show, Nissan presented the GT-R Proto concept and announced to expect its production model by 2007.

"Well, it has finally come true as the all-new GT-R was finally unveiled at last week's opening of the 2007 Tokyo Motor Show," said Raymond Tribdino, Nissan Motor Philippines Inc. senior manager for market and product planning.

Jampacked

And judging by the crush of international media that packed the Nissan booth that day, this writer is very confident the all-new GT-R will be a hit.

In fact, during the unveiling, Nissan President and CEO Carlos Ghosn announced that the first three months of production are already sold out (Nissan aims to sell 200 GT-R cars a month in Japan).

Before Ghosn appeared, Nissan hinted at the raw power of this supercar: a video clip showed the all-new GT-R as it laps the famed Nürburgring circuit in Germany.

It clocked 7:38.54, slightly faster than the Porsche Carrera GT, the current record holder in that famous racetrack.

"The all-new GT-R has raised the performance bar and promises to break more records. With such a performance at the Nurburgring and considering that the car was not yet fully set up, it easily enters into the supercar category and is set to take on the leaders of this category such as Porsche AG, and Fiat SpA's Ferrari and Maserati," Tribdino said.

Break records

Back in 1995, the Nissan Skyline, the predecessor of the GT-R, was the

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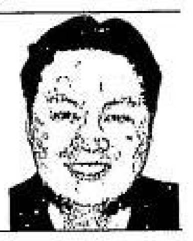


Andre Palma

TOKYO—SINCE KIICHIRO TOYODA got it into his head to shift from textile looms to manufacturing automobiles, the Toyota Motor Corp. has come a long way. In a short 70 years from the first Model AA rolling off the Koromo plant assembly line, the Japanese manufacturer now has its sights set on the No. 1 spot in the global automotive scheme of things. Great really if you are one to speculate on the worldwide stock markets but honestly the impact on the Filipino motorist is anything but a forgone conclusion.

One key phrase frames Toyota's future strategy for world domination. "Sustainable mobility" seems. like words plucked out of just any public relations handbook but the way these two words will color and flavor the way we will drive in the very near future is undeniable, scary even. By addressing environmental, safety and congestion issues, the way we drive and what we drive will change dramatically.

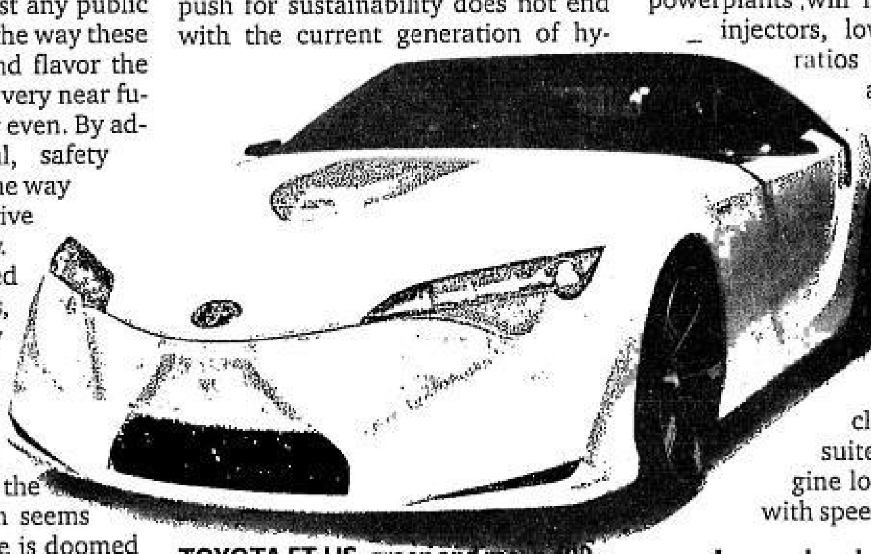
In a world obsessed with carbon footprints, protecting biodiversity and the search for renewable sources of energy, the automobile is often painted as public enemy No. 1. While the Battle for Mother Earth seems lost and the human race is doomed to a carbon-choked future care of the evil automobile, small inroads have been made that responsibly look toward tomorrow.

Targets

Since 1997, over a million Toyota branded, gasoline electric hybrids have been sold. Sales volumes point to a peak in 2017 where these fuel-efficient, low-impact vehicles will reach over a million units a year. Yet the push for sustainability does not end with the current generation of hybrids. In the search for the ultimate eco-car, diverse sources of energy with low carbon impact from production to consumption are the targets.

The days of the fossil fuel dependence are numbered but the complete change over to cleaner, greener sources of energy may take a while. In the interim, current power train innovation is channeled toward environmental performance as well as the driving dynamics that are the basis for any fundamentally sound automobile.

Toyota gasoline engines will shift from VVT-i (Variable Valve Timing-intelligent) to D-4S (Direct Injection 4 Stroke) systems with continuous intake valve lift volume controls. Diesel powerplants ,will incorporate Piezo injectors, lower compression ratios and stricter catalytic converters with common-rail direct-injection systems. Finally transmissions move into 8-speed automatics and CVT systems with total vehicle management suites matching engine load more precisely with speed and emissions.



TOYOTA FT-HS, green and mean 400 bhp hybrid sports coupé

A. PALMA

Image leader

At the forefront is Toyota's image leader in the hybrid segment, the second generation Prius. The handful on Philippine roads can be seen as a sign of things to come, the tip of leading edge of the world wide hybrid model explosion that includes luxury models such as the Lexus GS450h and the LS600h.

Even the locally popular Camry now comes in a hybrid model targeted at the North American market. Seat time in these cars at Toyota's Mobilitas driving facility at Fuji Speedway, including the Alphard hybrid mini van and the Harrier and Highlander hybrid SUVs confirm unexpected performance with attention-grabbing fuel efficiency. Driving clean and green hybrids can apparently be fun but apparently not even a fraction of the fun the future holds.

The jewel in Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive crown must be the FT-HS sports concept. Rear-wheel drive with a 2+2 coupé layout, this sleek exercise in automotive design boasts a 3.5-liter V6 hybrid motor with over 400 bhp and four second times to 100 kph.

Touted as the spiritual successor to the Supra, pictures do not do the FT-HS justice. Unfounded rumors point to a 2009 production date, just in time for the 41st Tokyo Motor Show. More than just a technology demonstrator, this single car shows that the tide is turning in favor of "sustainable mobility" indeed, and Toyota is leading the charge.

TRANSPORT TRIVIA

By Emman Cena

The Tokyo Craze

THE MUCH-BALLYHOOED 40TH Tokyo Motor Show has begun with a loud bang last week. Big surprises and great revelations surely brought ooohhs and ahhhs to motoring enthusiasts all over the world.

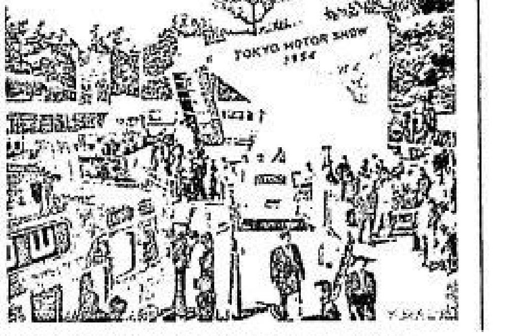
But what is really the fuss about the event that everyone goes gaga over it?

The Tokyo Motor Show is a biennial auto show sometime held in the months of October or November at the Makuhari Messe, Chiba City in Japan. It is the jaw-dropping international showcase of cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles.

The first-ever motor show was held at the Hibiya Park in Tokyo from April 20 to 29, 1954. The show was then called the All Japan Motor Show. Some 270 vehicles were on display, however, only 17 of which were passenger cars. Trucks, buses and motorcycles made up most of the exhibited rides. It was believed to have gathered 547,000 visitors during its 10-day run.

At that time the most prominent cars were the Austin A40, Hillman Minx and the newly introduced Renault 4CV, as well as domestic vehicles such as the Prince Sedan AISH, Toyota Toyopet Super RH; Datsun Passenger Delux (Model DB-5), Ohta Sedan and Van, and three-wheeled vehicles from Daihatsu.

The recently concluded and considered to be the most celebrated motor show's 40th year opened on Oct. 26 and will run until Nov. 11. Around 1.5 million people are expected to flock the Makuhari Messe.



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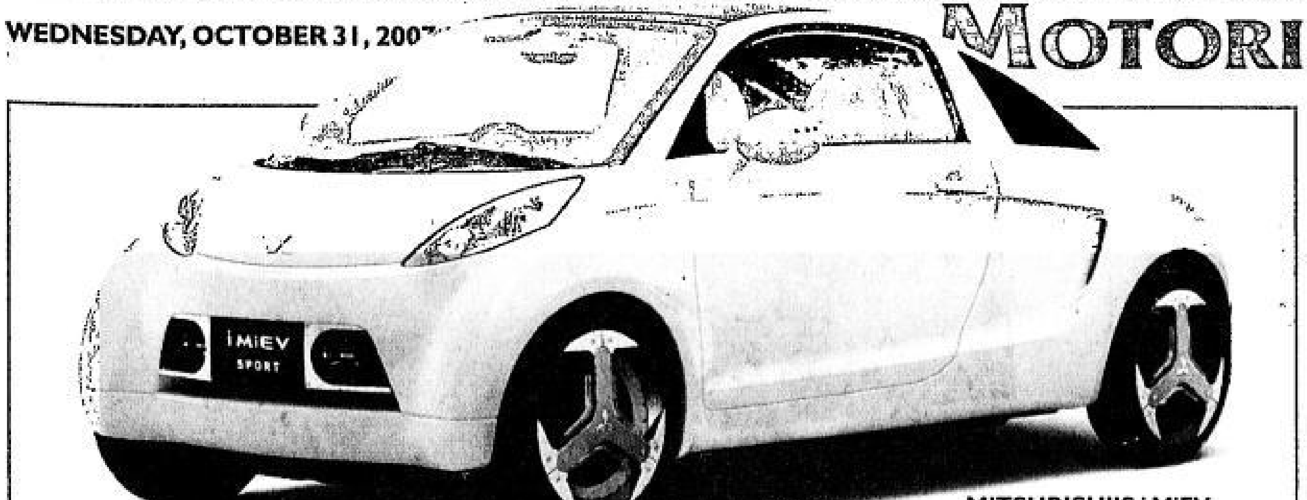

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TOKYO—AT A GLITTERING INternational event like the 40th Tokyo Motor Show displaying 520 new vehicles of 30 carmakers at a venue spread over 440,000 square meters, it is difficult to hold the attention of the 1.5 million visitors expected, including thousands from overseas, during its 16-day run.

On Press Preview day, several manufacturers caught the eye by exhibiting outrageously styled concept cars. While the designs of the three concept cars presented by Mitsubishi Motors Corp. were not as edgily in-your-face futuristic as the Toyota HI-CT, Honda Puyo or Nissan Pivo2, they looked more user-friendly, more practical and more ready to leap from the drawing board into commercial production in the near future.

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

And for visitors already in the market for a new car, Mitsubishi unveiled the latest iteration of the Lancer Evolution, which is one of the fastest high-performance mass production cars in the world yet is affordably priced. The more sedate version of the Evo X, the 2008 Lancer sedan (named as the Galant Fortis in Japan) was also on view.

A closer look

People kept flocking back to the Mitsubishi pavilion to take a closer look at the i MiEV Sport electric minicar, the Concept-CX compact SUV and the Concept-ZT clean diesel 2.2-liter premium sedan, all three of which represent Mitsubishi's key auto-manufacturing values of Driving Pleasure, Safety and Environmental Responsibility.

Mitsubishi's focus on Environmental Performance evolved from these three key values with the electric i MiEV sports coupé as the environmental flagship. The culmination of 35 years of EV (electric vehicle) R&D, the i MiEV experimental car was finalized in 2006 and has undergone public road testing. At present, Mitsubishi is working with several power companies with the end in view of launching the i MiEV on the market.

Why the fuss over the i MiEV? It produces little noise and zero on-road carbon dioxide emissions, costs less to run and its lithium-ion batteries can be quick-charged in 30 minutes using a 3-phase 200V supply system. Using a regular 200-volt household domestic outlet, it takes seven hours to fully recharge the i MiEV for a cruising range of 160 km. When driving downhill, slowing down or braking, the i MiEV recovers inertial energy, employing the motor as a generator.

3 motors

The i-MiEV Sport weighs only 970 kg, is shod with 175/46R17 tires, has a max speed of 180 km per hour and can run a distance of 200 km on a single charge. Two in-wheel motors drive the front wheels of the i MiEV Sport while a single motor powers the rear wheels, with electric-powered 4WD (E-4WD) optimizing the power generated by each motor. Sporty performance and excellent stability, demolishing preconceptions about the drivability of EVs, result from the S-AWC (Super All Wheel Control) system that integrates management of the E-4WD, E-AYC (Electric Active Yaw Control), ABS and Active Stability Control.

It has a microwave wireless charging system to make recharging more convenient. Moreover, aside from the energy recycling system of the basic i-MiEV, the Sport draws energy from natural sources via auxiliary solar glass panels and wind turbine fans (used during deceleration only). To further save energy, the taillights and other lights use low-energy, highly luminous LEDs.

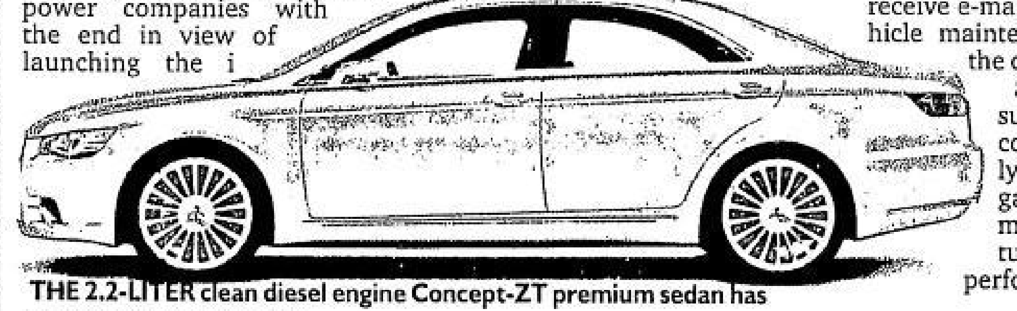
The location of the 330-volt battery under the floor and the motor, inverter and charger under the cargo area lowers the i-MiEV's center of gravity while enhancing front/rear weight distribution. This characteristic of the rear midship layout frees up space for occupants and luggage and contributes to vehicle stability. The body and suspension use strong, lightweight and highly rigid extruded and die-cast aluminum, improving fuel efficiency and performance.

Crashworthy

As for safety, the i-MiEV Sport is multidirectional crashworthy due to Mitsubishi's RISE (Reinforced Impact Safety Evolution) body protecting occupants in a collision. Again, the rear midship layout benefits occupants as the way the front side members, cross members and other structural parts are located more efficiently absorbs the impact in frontal and side crashes. In case of a rear-ender, the major EV components under the cargo area engage with the floor to form a protective barrier.

Fast forwarding toward the future, Mitsubishi is developing a MiEV communication system with high-speed PLC (Power Line Communications) that allows the user to connect his home computer and the i MiEV Sport. The user can control recharging, in-car audio and air conditioning from inside the home, update the navigation system via the Internet, send or receive e-mail and also collect vehicle maintenance info to keep the car in top shape.

Summing up, Mitsubishi's high-tech concept cars, especially the i-MiEV Sport, gave a glimpse of the motoring world's future in environmental performance.



THE 2.2-LITER clean diesel engine Concept-ZT premium sedan has electronic 4WD and LSD.

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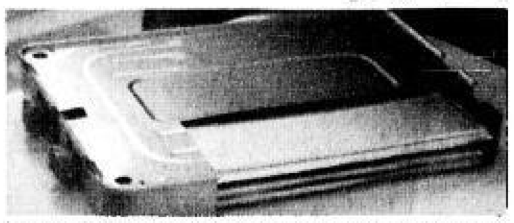
Included in this plan is the development of a clean diesel engine that will soon power the upcoming 2008 X-Trail compact SUV (to be sold in Japan); the development of the Variable Valve Event and Lift system that will be installed in the upcoming gasoline engine of the Skyline Coupé (also to be sold in Japan); the development of the company's own design of a continuously variable transmission that will be paired to several Nissan engines; and the acceleration of the development of the next generation lithium-ion battery for use in various hybrid electric and electric vehicles that Nissan is conceiving.

Environmental consideration

In fact, even the newly unveiled GT-R super car, which boasts a 475 horsepower, 3.8-liter twin turbo V6 "VR38" engine, meets Japan's ultra-low emission vehicle standards as proof of Nissan's seriousness in putting environmental consideration a top priority.

Aside from developing cleaner emissions in both of its gasoline and diesel engines, Nissan is also putting a lot of research in battery-powered vehicles, which the company believes holds a lot of promise.

"Case in point is Nissan's lithium-ion powered Pivo 2 that was unveiled at the motor show. While it uses the same type of rechargeable battery commonly used in consumer electronics, Pivo 2's powerplant is more advanced," Tribdino informed.



PIVO 2's battery is so compact it frees up more cabin space as well as saves on total weight.

More compact

For the first time, Nissan was able to develop a more compact lithium-ion battery. Like flat metal sheets that can be laid on top of one another (similar to a sans rival cake), they require much less space than today's cylindrical-shaped lithium-ion batteries, thereby freeing up more space to increase cabin dimension as well as saving on total car weight.

Though half the size of today's conventional batteries, it's 1.5 times more powerful and twice the capacity. With this battery, Pivo 2 could now travel about 126 km on a single charge and plugs into a regular home electric socket.

But despite the advancement, carmakers like Nissan admit that they are still looking for the ultimate environment-friendly vehicle.

"The goal is to have a car that could deliver zero impact on the environment. However it must also be cost-efficient to build as well as it should be attractive for the car buyer not only in terms of price but also to its drivability, safety and reliability," Tribdino said.

The all-new GT-R ready . . .

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first production vehicle to break the 8-minute barrier," Tribdino said.

Under the hood of the all-new GT-R is a 3.8-liter twin-turbocharged V6 engine that was specially developed for the all-new GT-R. With 475 horsepower on tap, this sleek sports car is being rumored to reach 100 kph in just 3.6 seconds.

The potent engine is teamed to a new paddle-shift, a twin-clutch 6-speed transmission as well as to what Nissan calls as the "most advanced four-wheel drive system on a road car ever used."

Called the Advanced Total Traction Engineering System for All-Electronic Torque Spit) 4-wheel-drive system, this latest version is able to send nearly all of the torque to just the rear wheels.

Sharp edges, smooth curves

Aggressively styled, the all-new GT-R incorporates both sharp edges and smooth curves with a wide stance and large wheel arches.

"With a drag coefficient of just 0.27, the all-new GT-R is one of the most aerodynamic cars on the road," Tribdino said.

On sale in Japan in December, the GT-R goes to America next June and the rest of the world shortly after that.

Pricing outside of Japan has not yet been announced, but based on the Yen listing the GT-R could be priced below $80,000 in the United States and in the Philippines, it could fetch P17 million.

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Of F1, jets and robots

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we need to have Formula 1 racing. Comparatively, the amount of gasoline consumed in by all 22 teams on Formula 1 races over one year is half the amount of gasoline that a single trip from Tokyo to Frankfurt would require on a plane. Thanks to Formula 1, billions of people around the world are enjoying themselves.

Q: After a quite disappointing season in Formula 1, what are your plans for next year?

A: I think because of my age, my memory is starting to fail, I've forgotten everything about this season (laughter). But for some strange reason my memory is very clear about the year before that. I remember especially very well the Hungarian Grand Prix (laughter). I think this season we have come to understand what we need to work on technically and also we have reinforced the engineering team. We're thinking most likely next season you'll start to see the results and we'll be on the top positions where Honda is supposed to be.

Q: You have any plans of changing your driver lineup, include a Japanese driver?

A: Next season we're planning to stick to the current driver lineup.

Q: What's your timetable for commercial production of diesel-fed Hondas and what Honda models will first run on clean diesels?

A: The definition of clean diesel is very difficult because diesel on sale in Europe now is already clean. But then in the United States and Japan the regulations that are being said to be put in place and the NOx level that is required there is extremely stringent, meaning we cannot just bring the European cars into these markets. Therefore, we need to overcome these technical challenges so that we can clear the requirements in both the United States and Japan. We're hoping to be able to launch diesel engines within two years (in these markets).

Q: At the other end of the spectrum is the Asian market, where diesel fuel quality is low. How will you approach this?

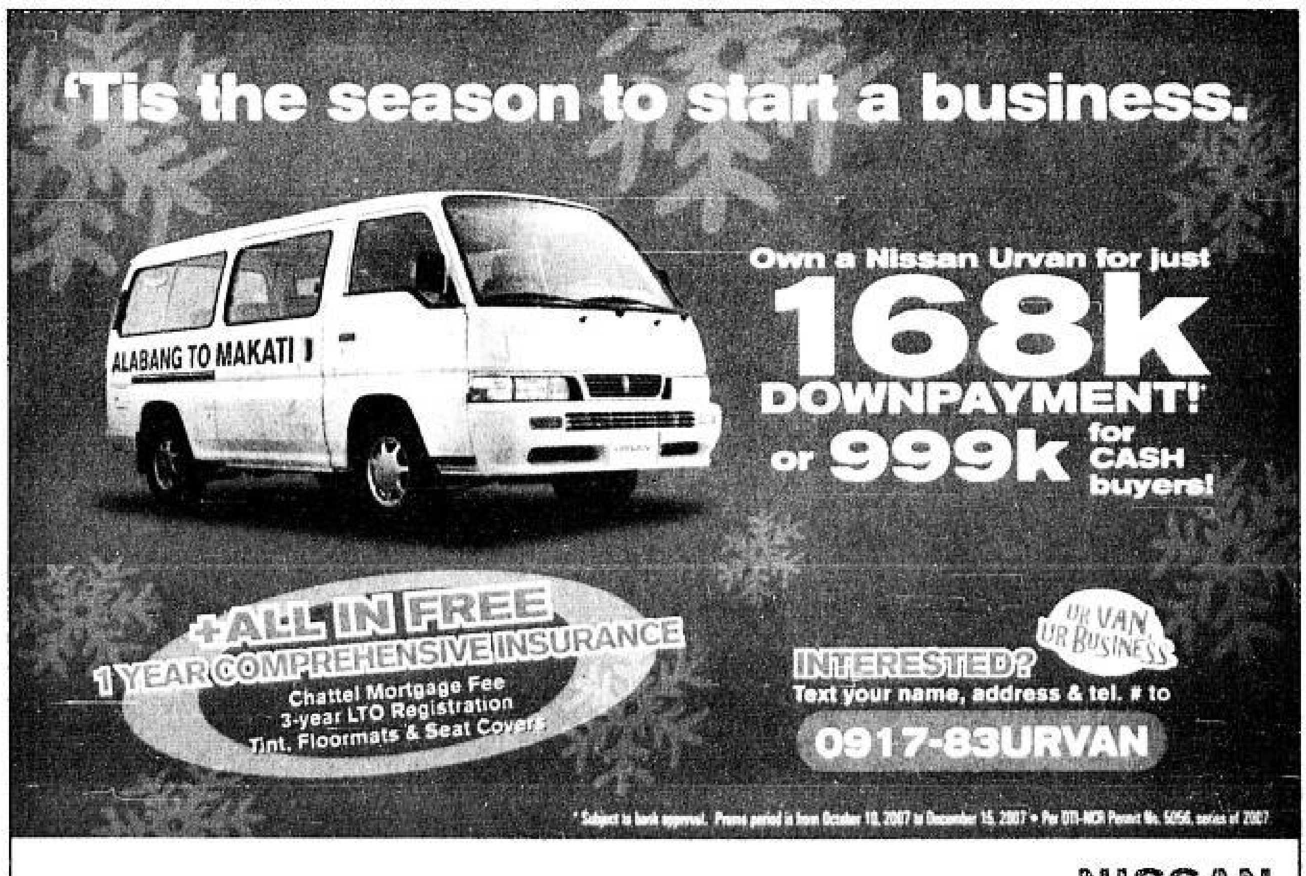
A: As you say, for clean diesel, sulfur content needs to be reduced. Unless you can do so, we cannot serve clean diesel in these markets. Japan has already complied, Europe also. The United States has come close to meeting these requirements but it requires a lot of money. You need to invest, and eventually there will come a time the Philippines has to make that investment.

Q: Do you see Honda participating in the F1 and the 24-hour Le Mans using diesel engines?

A: For the Formula 1 races they have their own unique standards and I don't think that we will be able to use diesels for the time being. For Le Mans it's not time for us yet to seriously be a challenger there. We think Formula 1 is the pinnacle, the most difficult race of all.

Q: When do you expect us to see fuel cell cars on the streets?

A: At the motor show, we have on display the concept model, and based on that model next year we will be launching fuel cell vehicles, but it will be just in Japan and the United States. We could be selling some tens of thousands of these within maybe 10 years.



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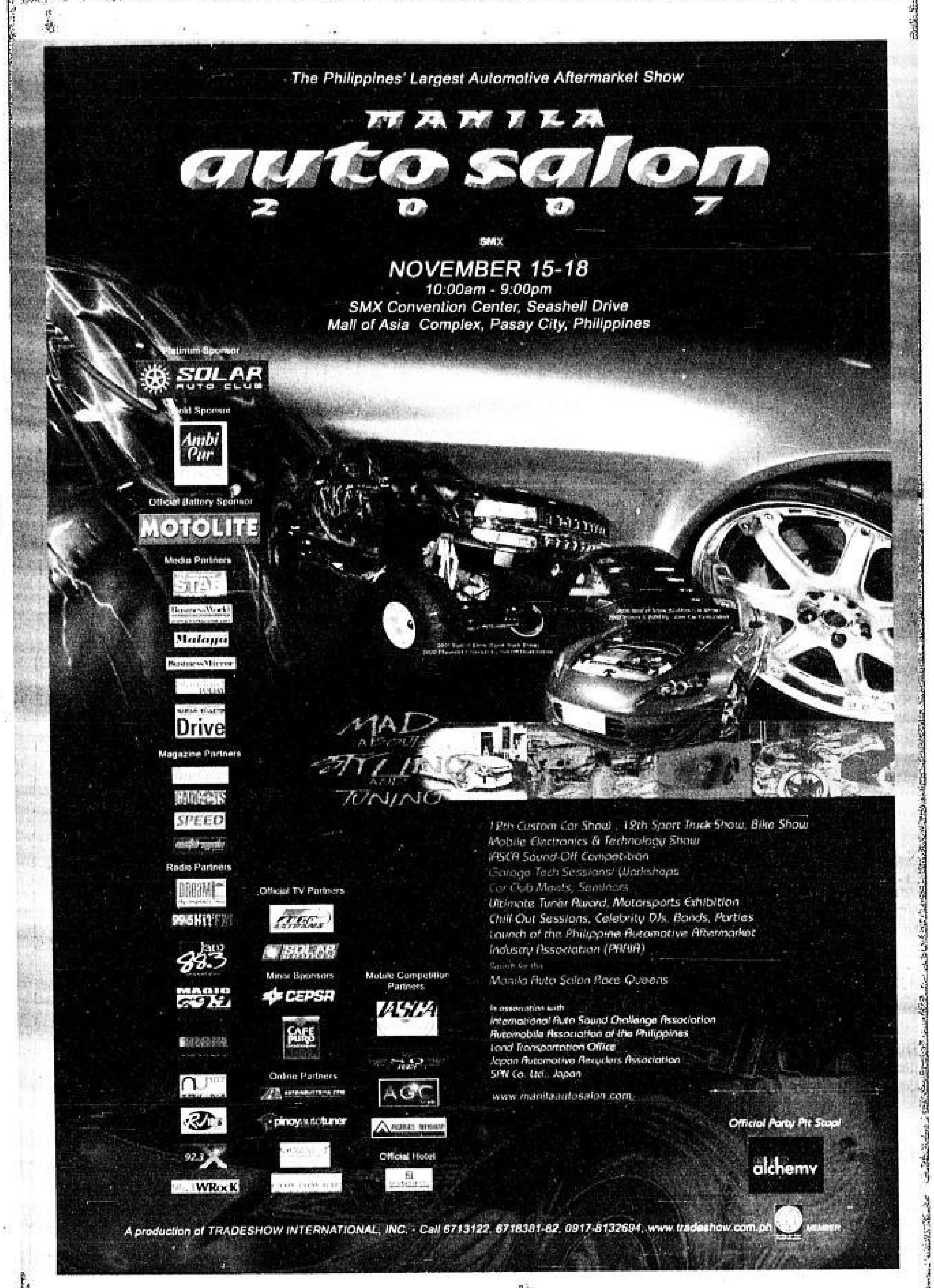

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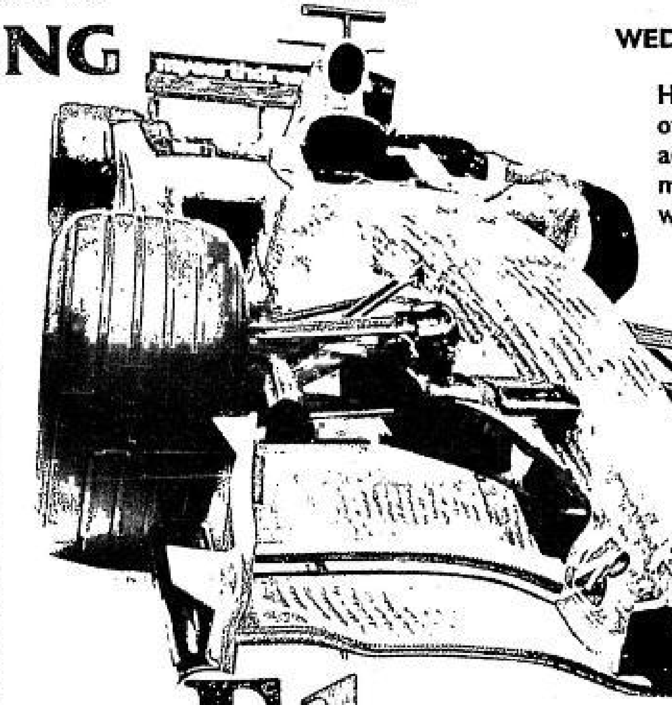

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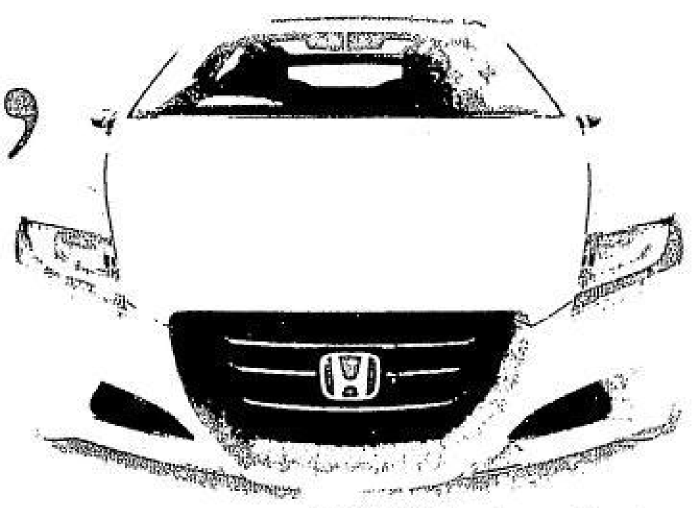
Of F1, jets and robots



COMPACT Renaissance Zero is Honda's design research model of a lightweight hybrid sports car.

By Tessa R. Salazar

TOKYO—IF IT MOVES, WE'LL build a better one.

That, in a nutshell, seems to be what Honda is keen on doing in the near (and not-so-near) future. Takeo Fukui, president and CEO of Honda, in a 15-minute interview with members of the Philippine motoring media, revealed the carmaker's plans on not limiting itself to two- and four-wheeled contraptions.

After coming out with such "environmental" vehicles such as the Civic 2.0GL, Stream, Partner 4WD, the CR-V, Elysion Prestige and Crossroad models in 2007, which Honda claims have all attained fuel-efficiency ratings mandated in its 2011 standards, Fukui says Honda is now developing a jet engine, and more Asimo-like household robots.

Q: After cars and motorbikes, what's next with Honda?

A: The first delivery of the jets will be on 2010. Unlike automobiles and motorcycles, we have to have a longer perspective and outlook when it comes to the airplane business. First we work on the jets, and then would be Asimo. We are to supply Asimo to ordinary households.

Q: So, will Honda go seriously into the aviation industry?

A: When it comes to our jet business, we have to think of this long term, so we have to put in place a long-term strategy and make it a good business for us. Only after that will the next step be on making Asimo as a business.

Q: Can you genuinely reconcile F1 motorsports with environmentalism, considering that motorsports require large amounts of fuel and tires?

A: I think we might save some fuel if we're going to stop formula racing, but people don't live thinking about the environment only. You need to enjoy your life. That's what we're here for, and therefore we think that we need to have motorsports for the sake of enjoyment. That's the reason

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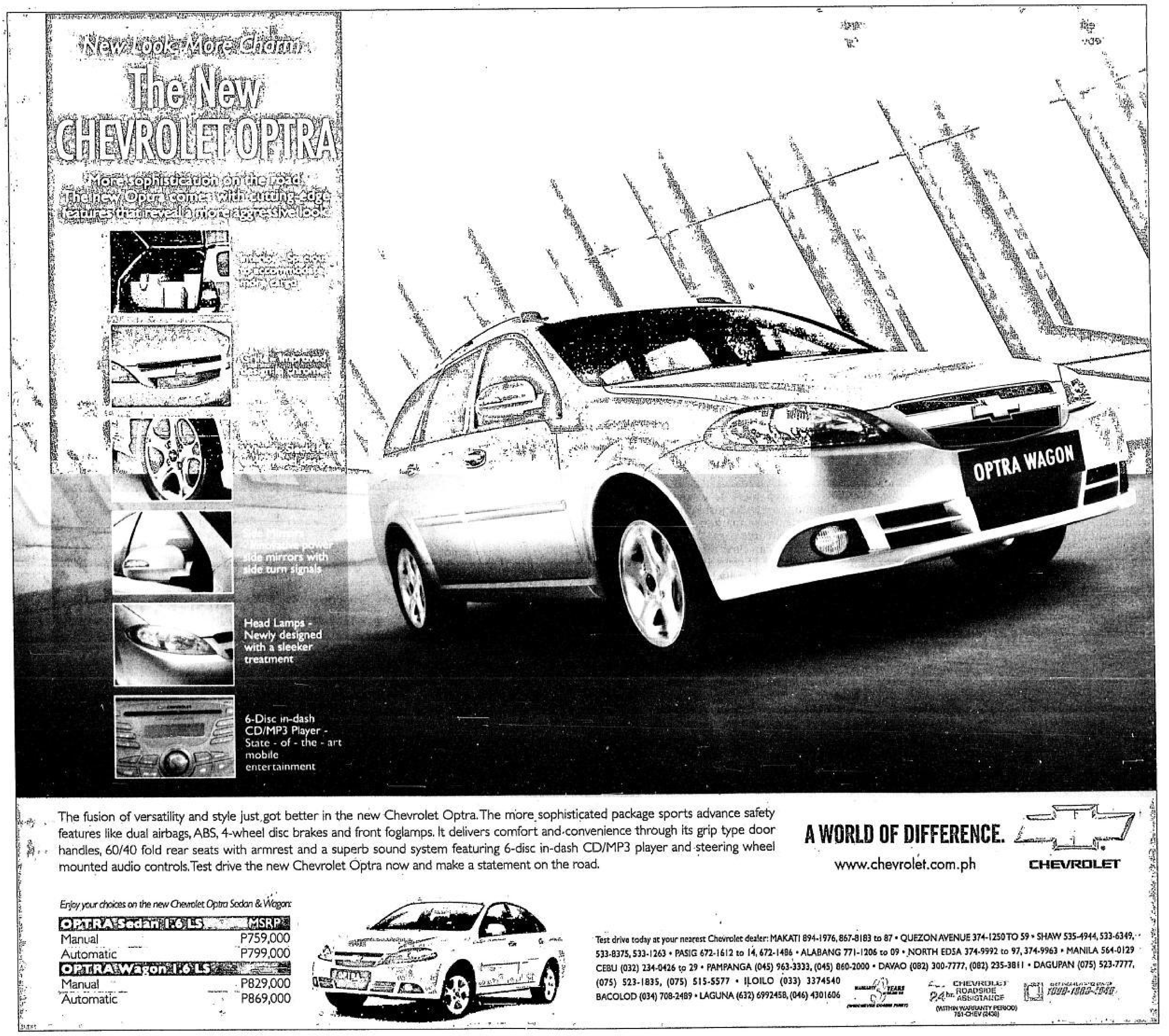

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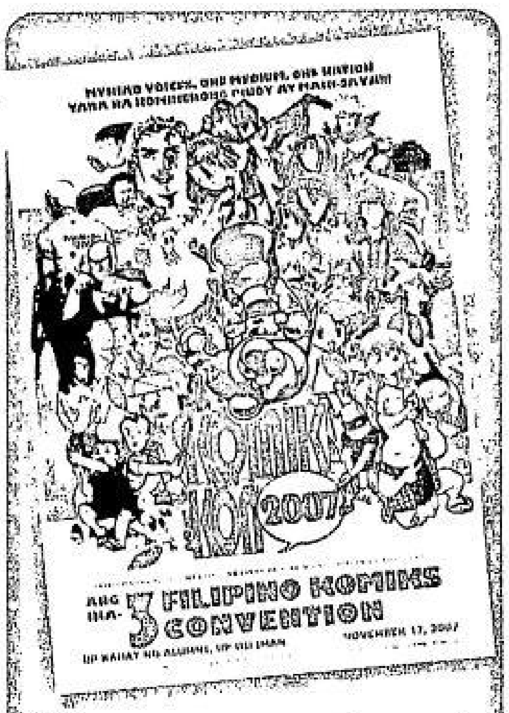
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SKULLS and Spanish señoritas; (right) playing a game of cat and mouse

Theater of the absurd

Text by Bianca Consunji
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"ONE NEED NOT BE A chamber to be haunted," wrote Emily Dickinson. "One need not be a house; the brain has corridors surpassing material place."

Although store-bought cobwebs and masks dripping with blood lend an eerie tone to costume parties, Halloween, as we know it, is anything but a terrifying spectacle.

For some people, it's the time to get their yearly dose of the obligatory fright-night specials on TV (featuring haunted spots in schools, urban legends and towns supposedly pursued by witches and mischievous dwarves).

For others, it's the time of the year to fulfill all their costume fantasies: Catholic schoolgirls bashfully don Playboy bunny costumes, straight-A nerds throw on pin-striped suits and gold medallions to pass off as Mafia bosses, and tiaras sparkle in the night sky as frustrated princesses pretend to be royalty for a day (or night).

From generic pumpkins and princesses, today's costumes have morphed into more interesting forms. For instance, generic witches and wizards are nowhere to be seen on the Halloween front; but if you check for props (like spellbooks, butterbeer cork necklaces and lightning-shaped scars), you'll probably find an aspiring member of the cast of the "Harry Potter" series. Little kids don't just want to be princesses, they want to be Disney princesses: Ariel, Belle, Snow White, Aurora and the whole lot.

However, even "Harry Potter," "Lord of the Rings," and Disney costumes have become trite; hood-

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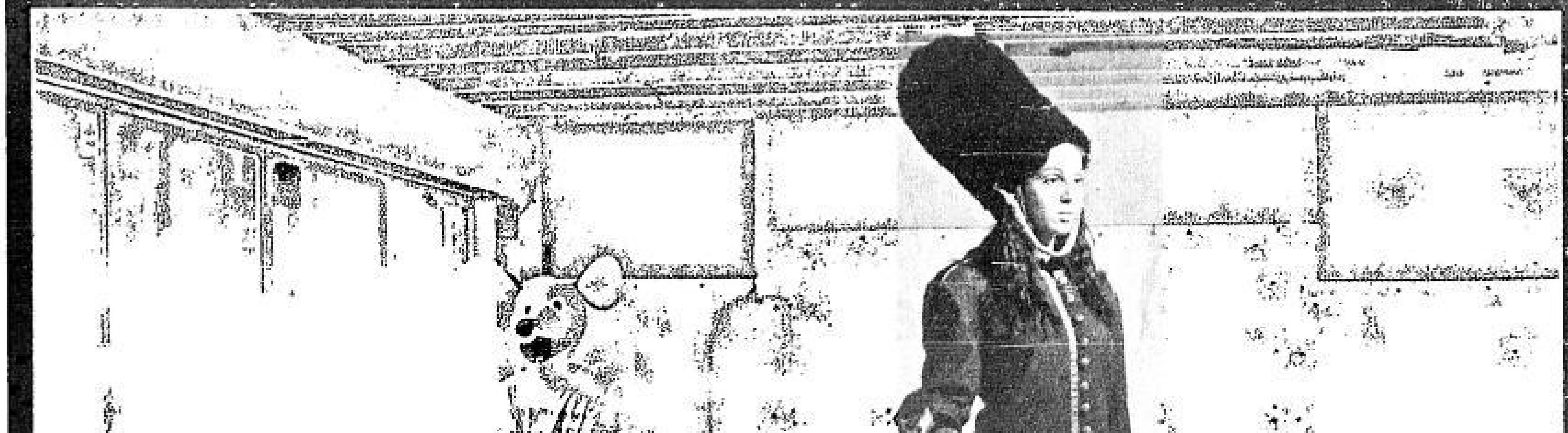

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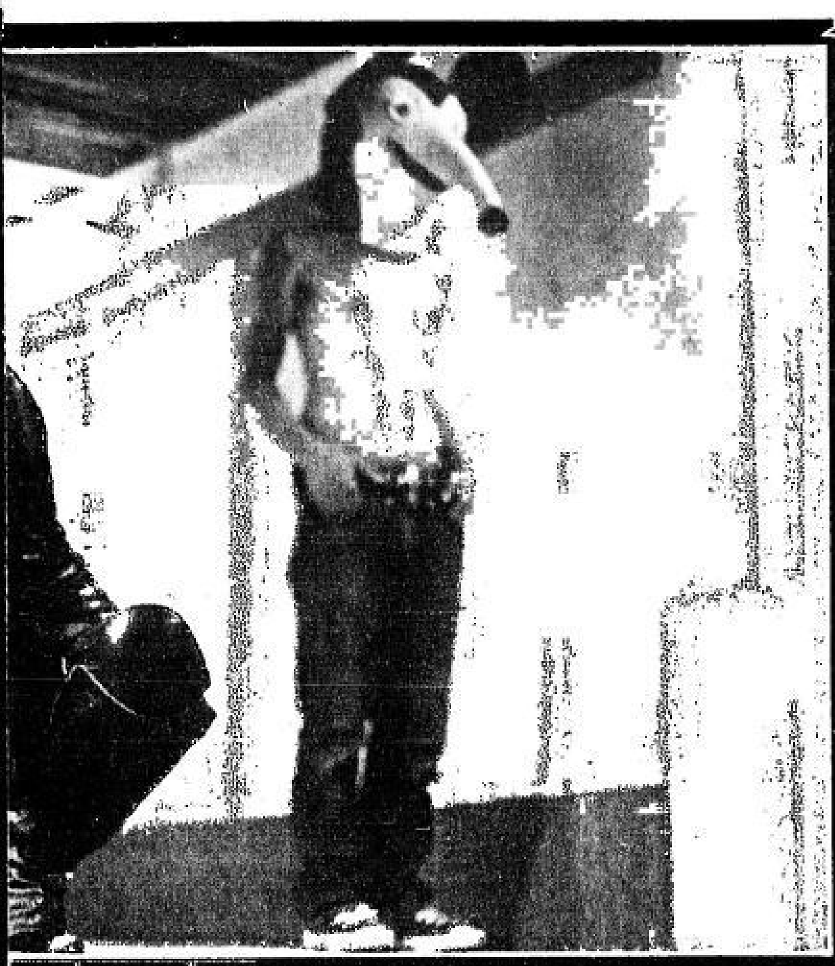

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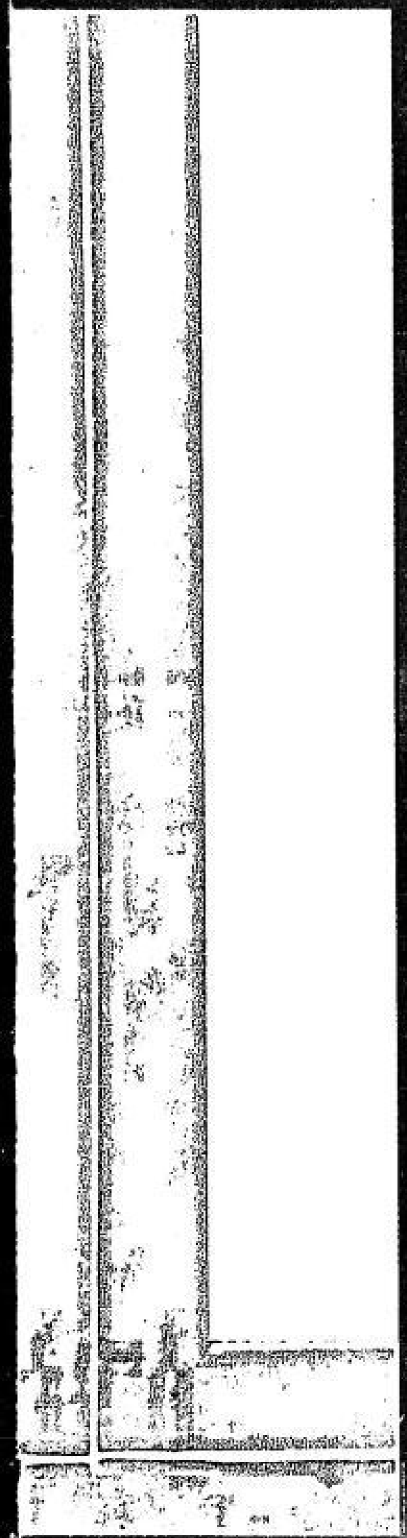

ed cloaks and stick-on lightning scars are mass-produced and sold in department stores along with candy-colored satin gowns and rhinestone tiaras. Looking for a ring to duplicate Frodo's gold one? Just head down aisle B, right next to Cinderella's glass slippers.

Creating your own

While there's nothing wrong with throwing on a store-bought costume for Halloween, there's a certain satisfaction to be derived from creating your own costumes. You can design and sew your own outlandish duds, or simply dig through your grandmother's closet to score vintage finds. You can also rent crazy getups at costume stores, but veer away from the prefabricated cartoon styles and create something that's entirely your own by adding touches of humor (or the macabre) to the outfit.

If you can't do something completely out of the ordinary (say, pairing a space suit with a feathered headdress and a wooden cane), get together with a bunch of friends and come up with an out-of-this-world set of costumes. Swap headgear and accessories, or simply go as mismatched characters—like Darth Vader and Snow White, the Brady Bunch and the Simpsons, or if you're into politics, Ninoy Aquino and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Put a little more thought and add elements of the absurd **in your** costumes. Not only will you **have** more laughs in coming up with them, you'll definitely stand out in a sea of black-robed wizards and Playboy bunny wannabes.

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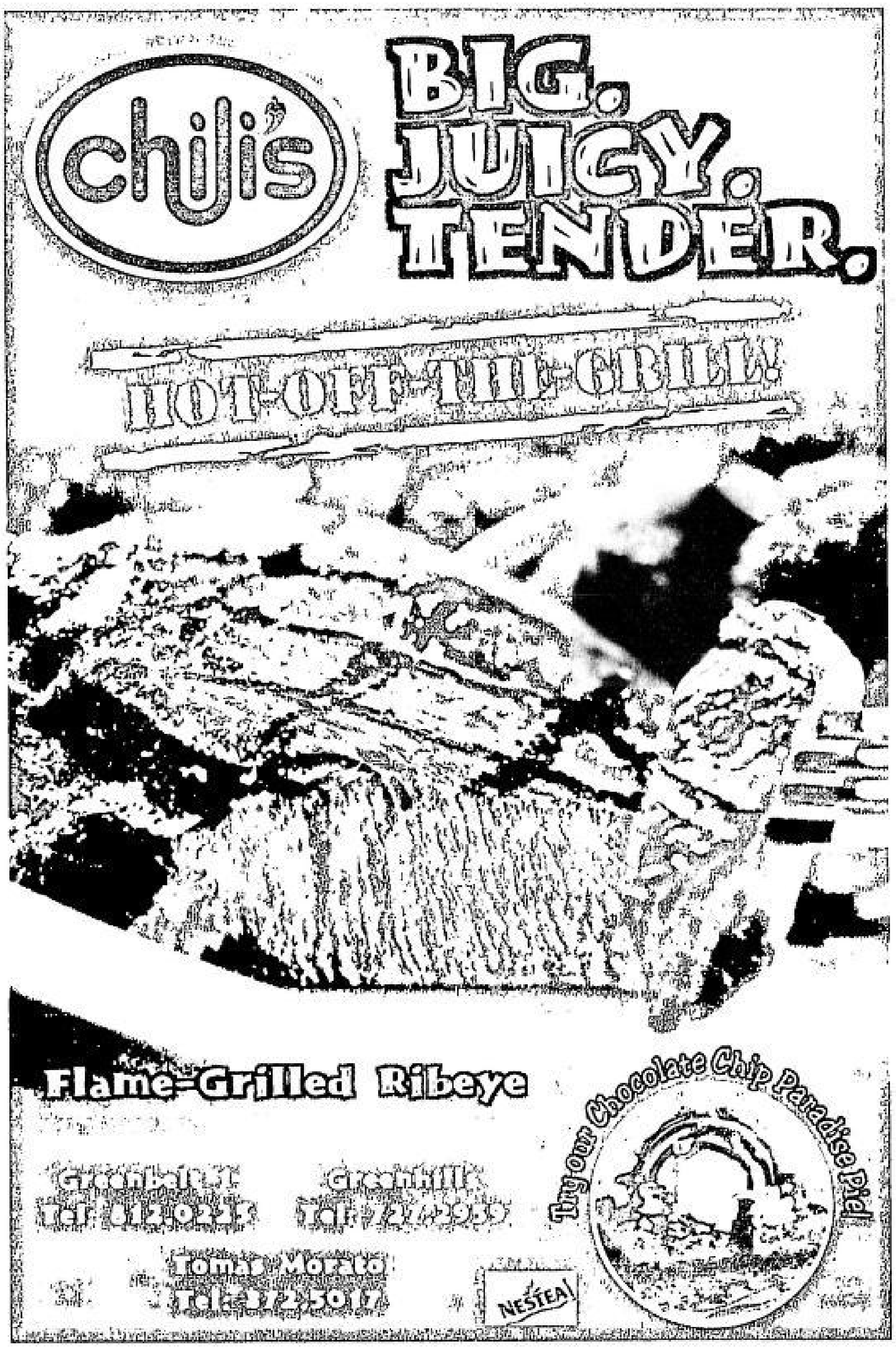
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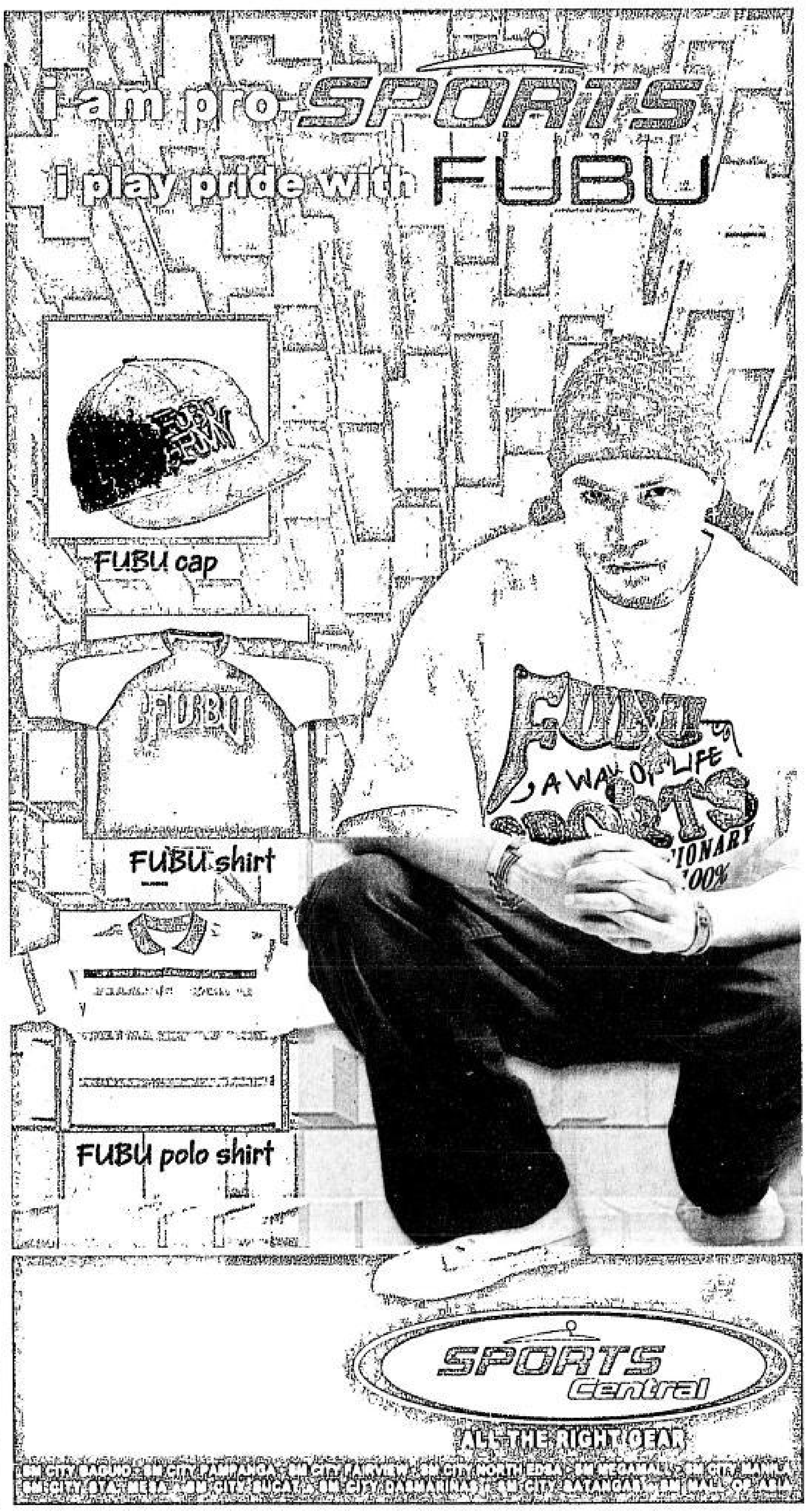
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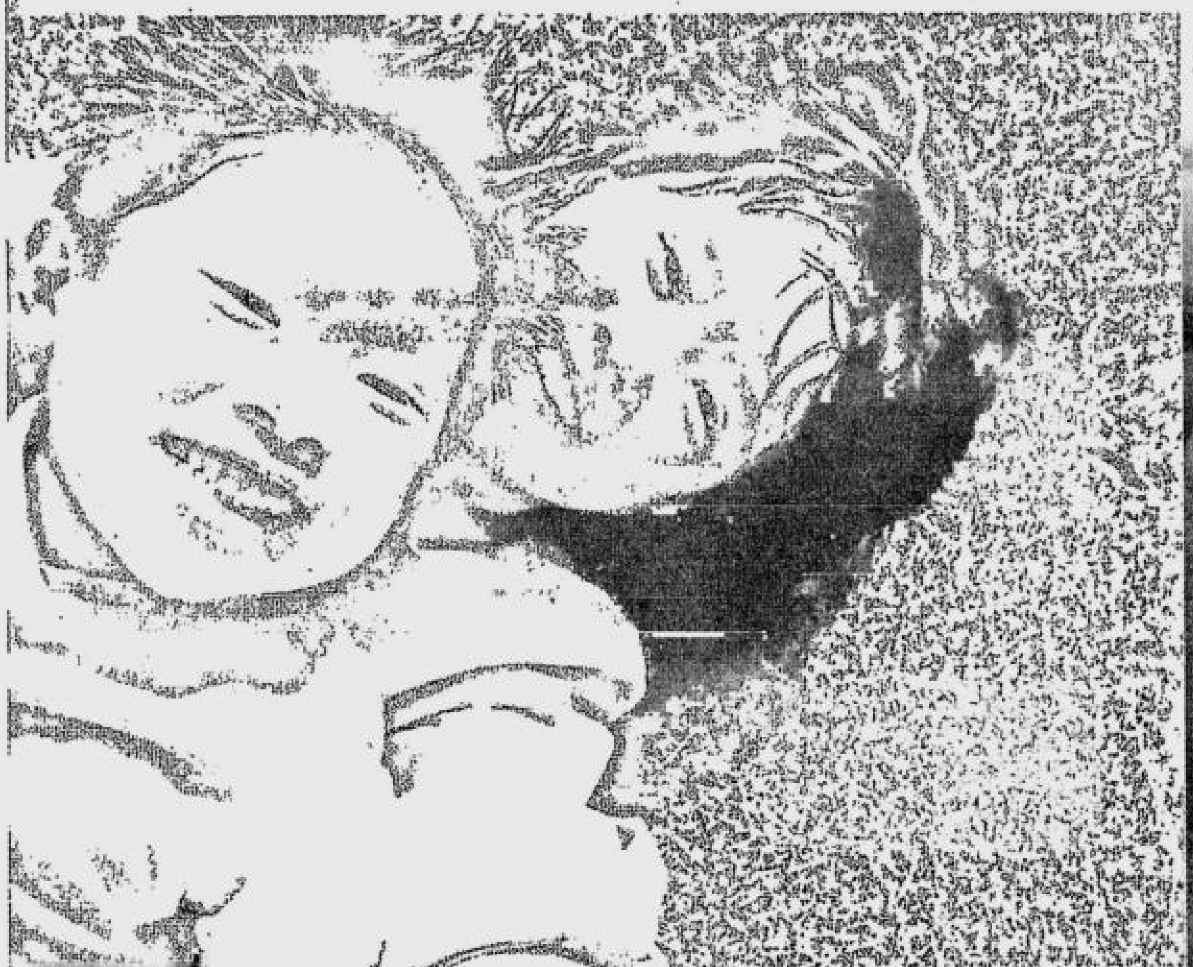

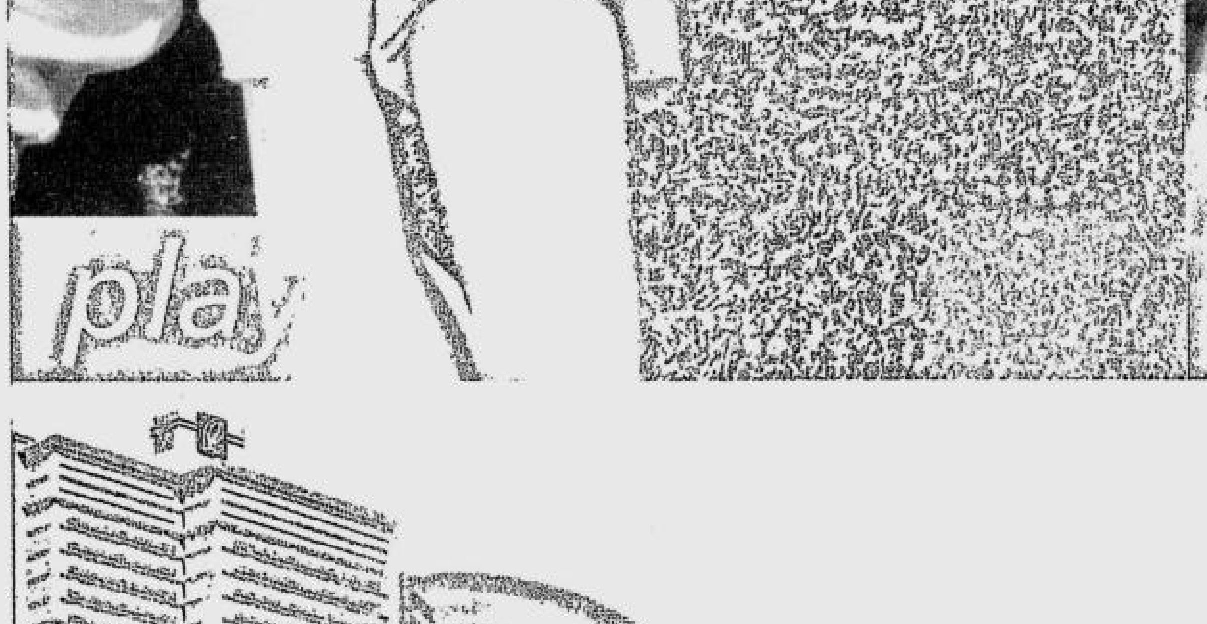

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The government of Camarines Sur invited 2bU! and LomoManila to see just how much fun their paradise has to offer. CamSur has become the country's wakeboarding capital — thanks to Gov. L-Ray Villafuerte's efforts. Watch out for 2bU!'s wakeboarding special — which includes tips and tricks from top wakeboarders and the 411 on the recent Philippine Cable Wakeboarding Nationals held at the Camsur Waterports Complex just last week. This week, we have the lowdown on other CamSur adventures you can try maybe this sem-break— fishing, snorkeling, island-hopping, even visits to a deer farm and different waterfalls and hot springs. Read this 2bU! CamSur special and have fun with us. Visit www.camsurwater-sportscomplex.com.

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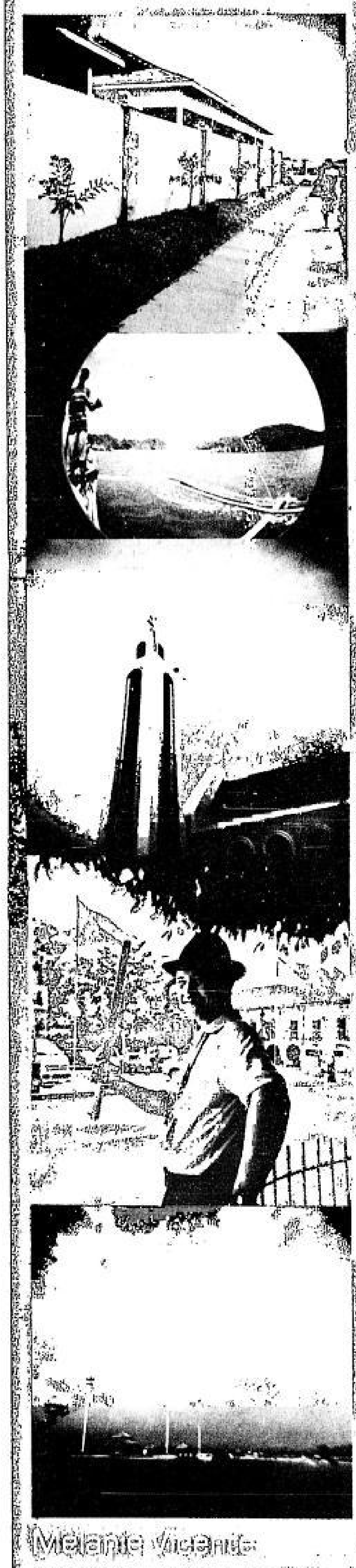

Jill Lejano

By Pam Pastor

FOR SEVERAL DAYS, CAMSUR became a playground of sorts for 2bU! and skilled lomographers from LomoManila.

We tried wakeboarding, went fishing, island-hopping and snorkeling. We climbed over tree trunks to visit two waterfalls, we tried to see just how much heat our skin could stand in the hot springs. We went on a tour of beautiful churches and we ate good food every single day.

But it wasn't all fun.

Armed with over 20 cameras and rolls and rolls of film, Ron Cruz, Marge Francia, Francis Gaerlan, Francis Inton, Jill Lejano, Kitkat Rodrigo, Rollie Valenzuela and Melanie Vicente set out to document the vibrance of Camarines Sur and everything it has to offer.

Although I am a lomo nut as well and constantly carry around at least three cameras, it is always fascinating for me to see experienced lomographers in action.

They find angles I never see, they pay attention to details I miss, they discover beauty in the mundane and create art out of the ordinary. And when the photos finally come out, it is pure magic.

It was no different on this trip—the images will blow you away. On this page is a spread of photos of Camarines Sur, seen through the lomographic lens of LomoManila.

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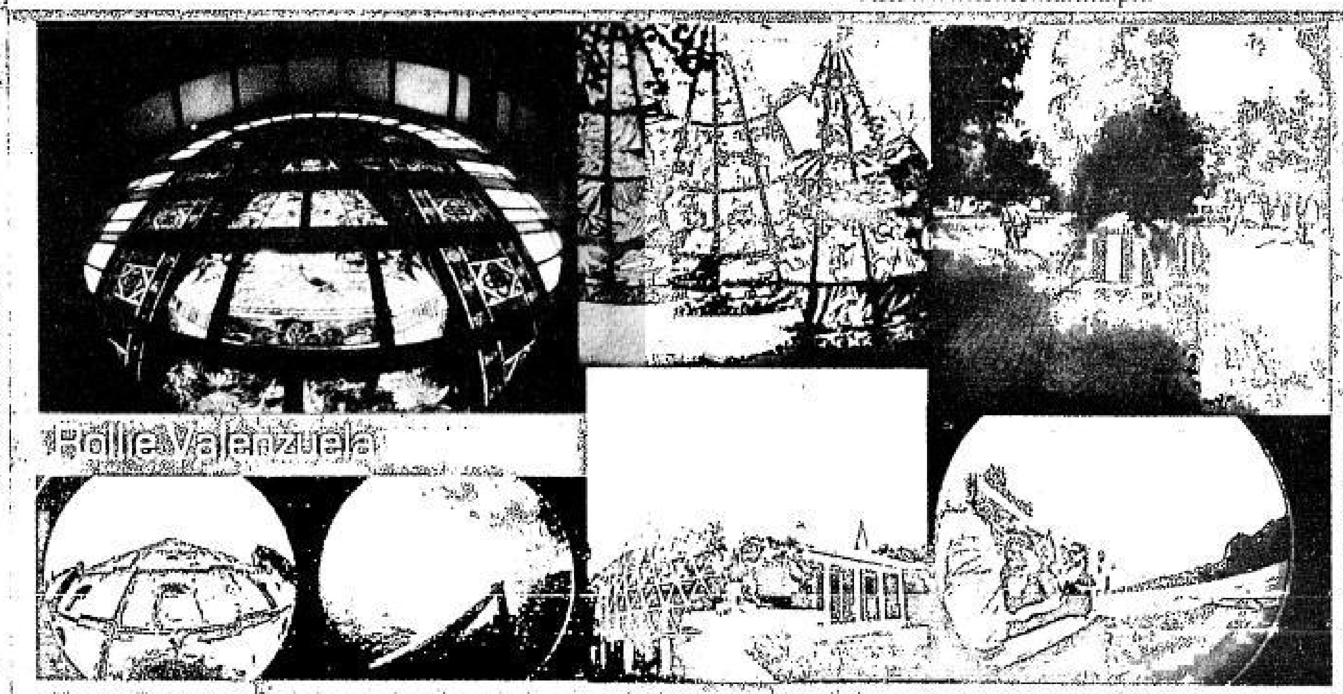

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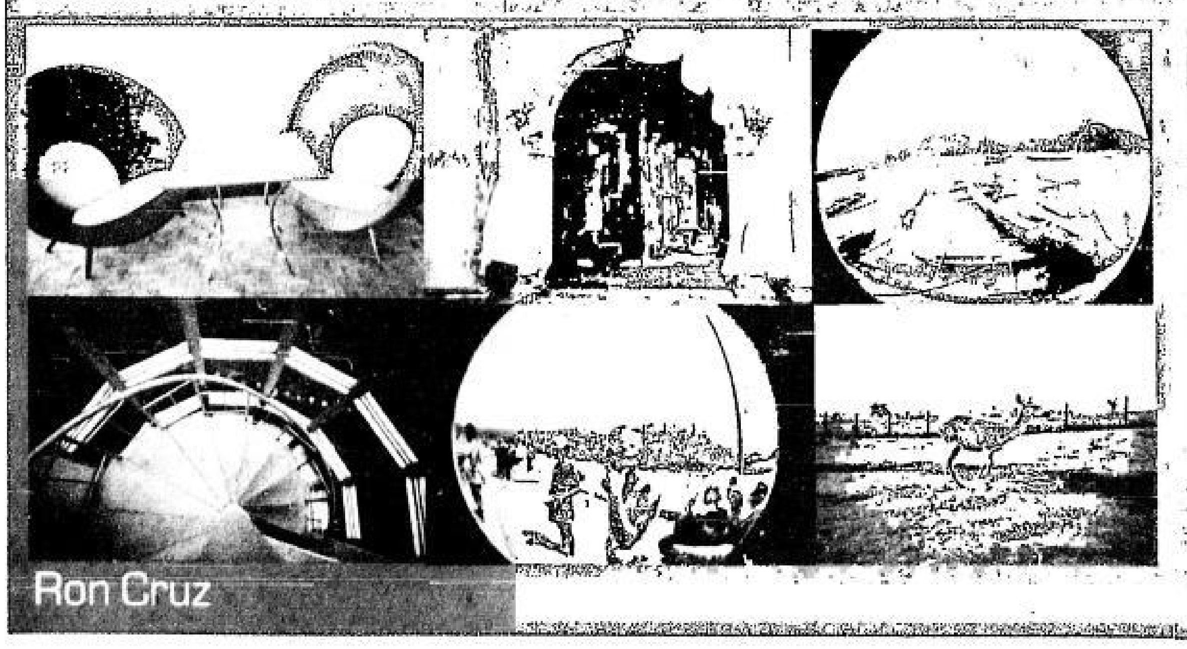

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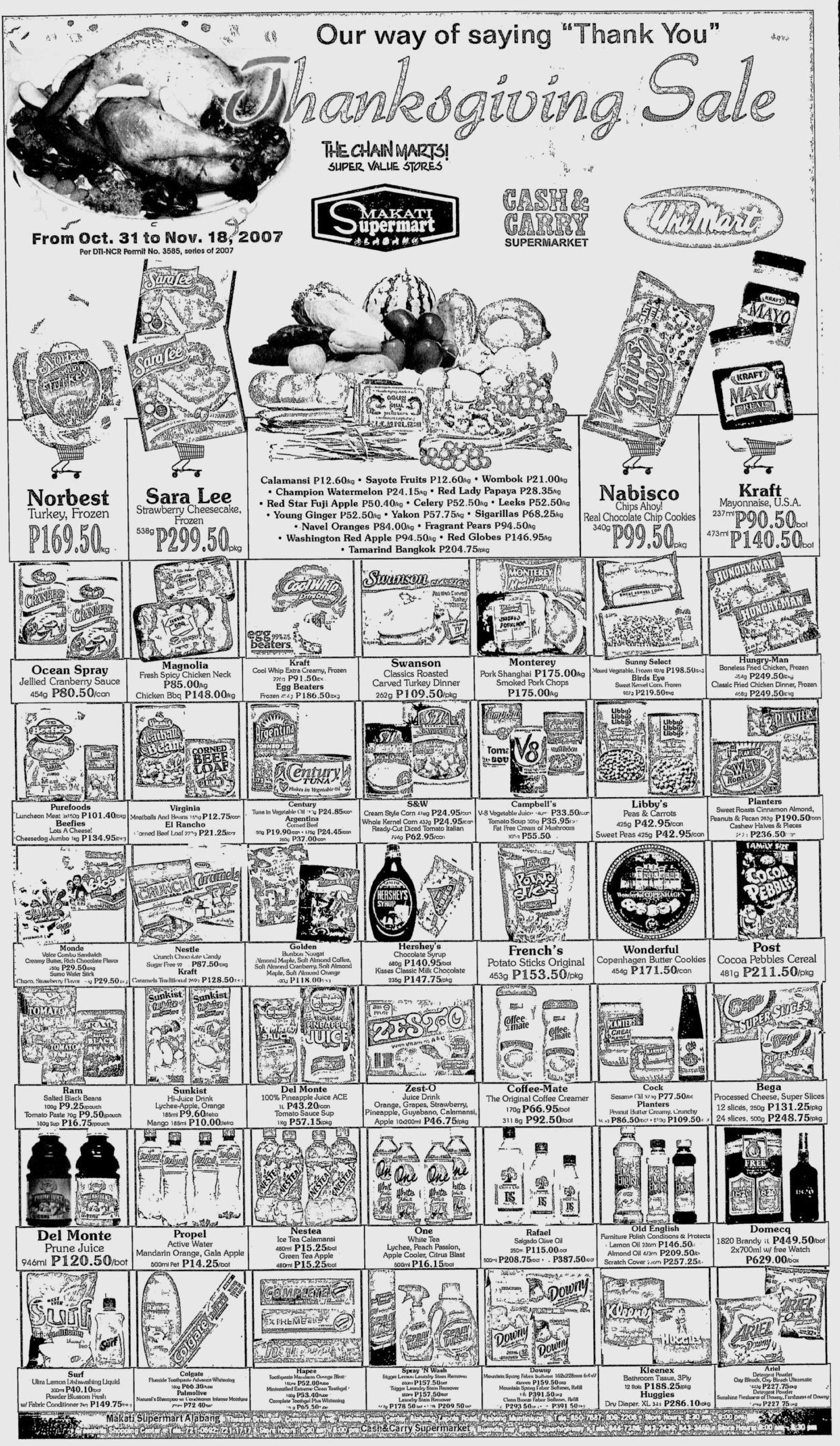

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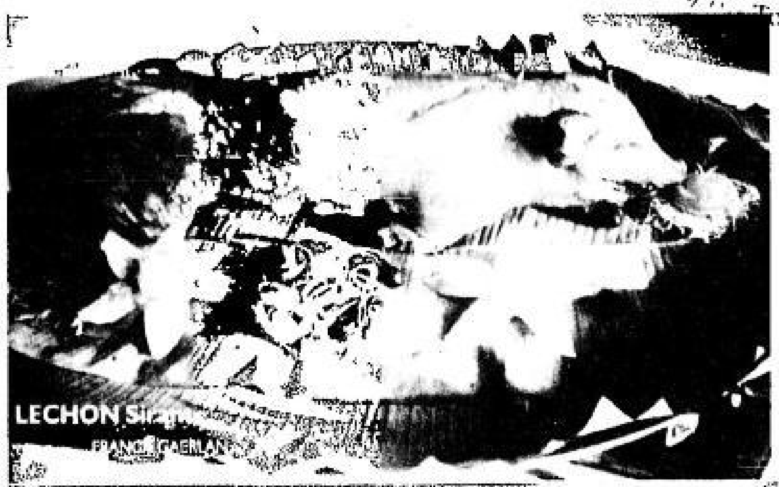
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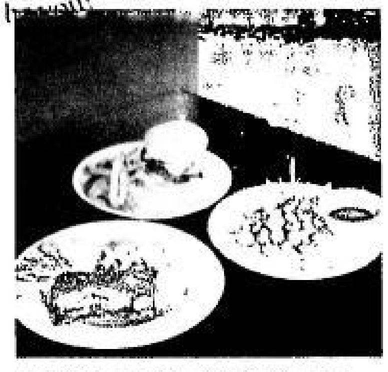

BABY Back Ribs, CWC Bacon Cheese Burger, Popcorn Shrimp
JILL LEJANO

Bicol food trip

Lechon Siram is weeks-old suckling pig flavored with Bicol spices and slow-roasted until the skin is dark crimson and crispy yet the meat remains tender and juicy

LAING Pizza
RON CRUZ

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, hours spent wakeboarding (or fine, cheering for the better wakeboarders) can leave you really really hungry.

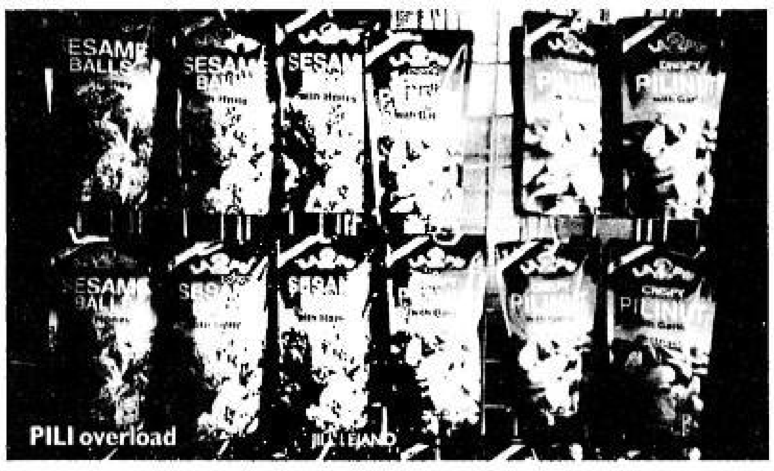
But starving is not an option at the CWC, not with an extensive menu that's packed with American, Japanese, Bicolano and even Mexican favorites.

There were three items from the menu that were a constant at our table: Bicolano Special Pizza (spicy *laing*, Bicol express, mozzarella cheese, sprinkled with crispy bagoong), which everyone just refers to as "Laing Pizza"; CWC Bacon Cheese Burger (Bacon strips, sliced cheese and a choice of one, two or three burger patties), which you can top with blue cheese sauce, barbecue ranch, garlic cream cheese or Caesar dressing; and Baby Back Ribs, which was served with a side of fries.

Our top picks also include Loco Moco (two burger patties in a bowl of rice, smothered in gravy and topped with a sunny side up egg), Meatball and Mozzarella Melt (Italian meatball sub with tomato sauce and topped with stringy melted mozzarella cheese), 4-Cheese Pizza, Grilled Squid (large grilled squid in teriyaki sauce) and Kare-Kare.

Other must-tries are the Chimichanga, Nachos with 8 Layer Dip, Beer Battered Calamares, Grilled Lapu-Lapu with Creamy Lemon Butter Sauce and Double Chocolate Eskimo Pie, a big ice cream sandwich meant to be shared.

For an extra-special meal, order CWC's Lechon Siram one day ahead. It's a lechon experience you haven't tried before, say the people behind the CWC. "The delicate and spicy flavors of Bicol are infused into our weeks-old suckling pigs and slow roasted until the skin is dark crimson and crispy and the succulent flesh remains tender and juicy." *PP*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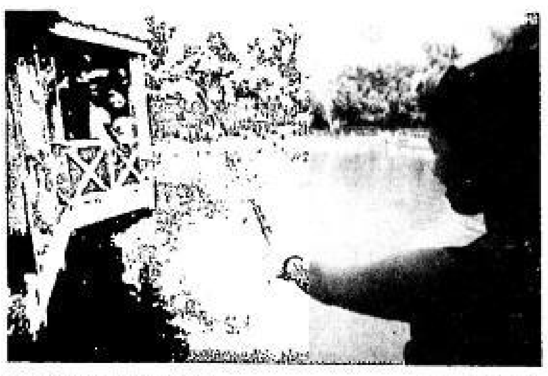
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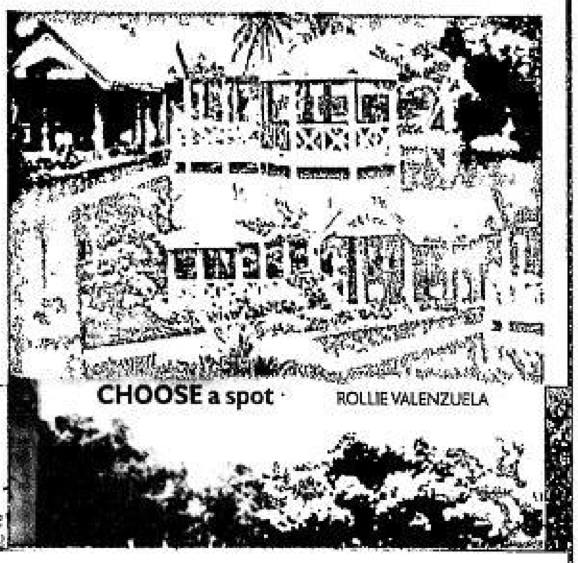
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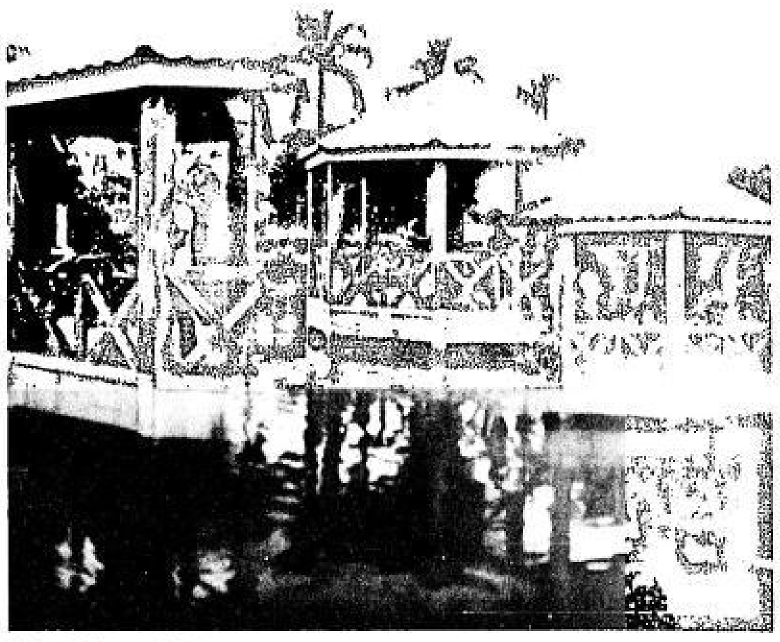
Go fish

IT'S A DIFFERENT KIND of thrill.

Making sure your bait is securely attached to your hook (and avoiding drawing your own blood), choosing your spot, sprinkling the water with pellets so the fish will swarm towards you, waiting patiently for that gentle tug, that sign of a bite and finally reeling in your catch—now you know why Hemingway, Clapton and other icons were hooked!

We spent a beautiful morning testing our fishing skills in Camarines Sur and ended up having grilled *tilapia*, our very own catch, for lunch.

It was a first shot at fishing for most of us—and the fish weren't the only ones biting. *PP*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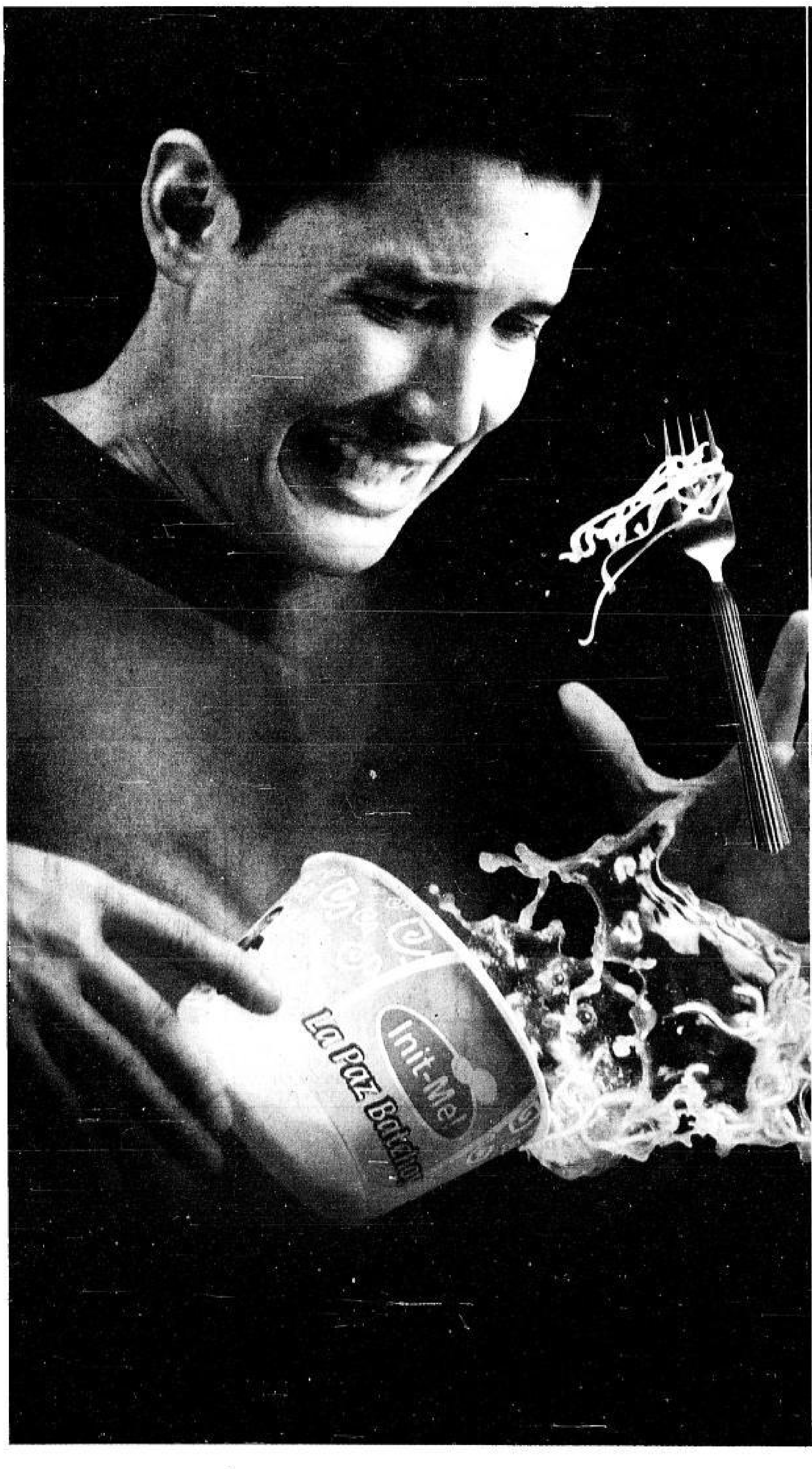

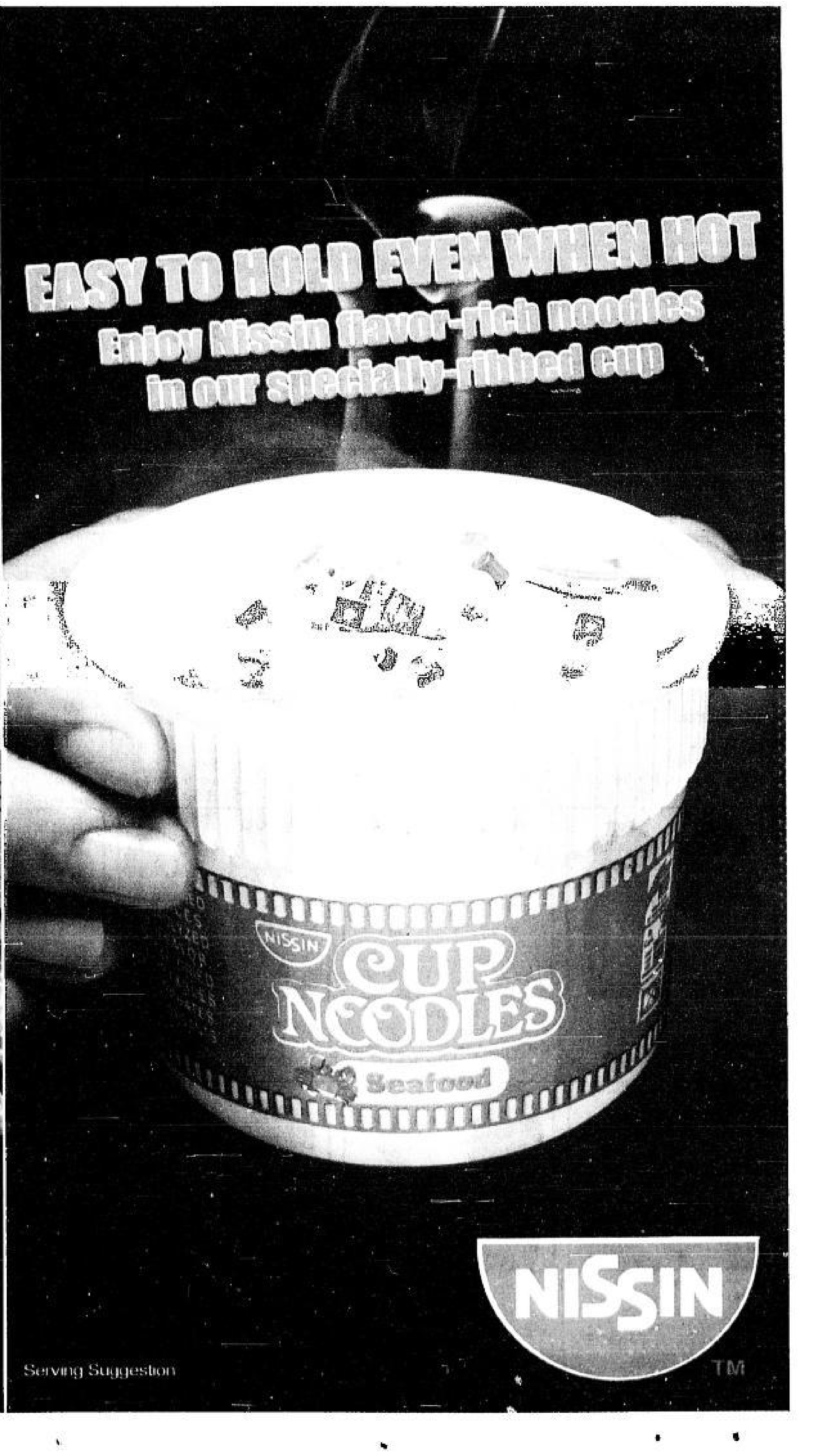
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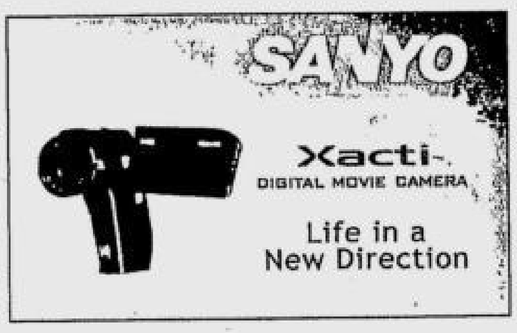
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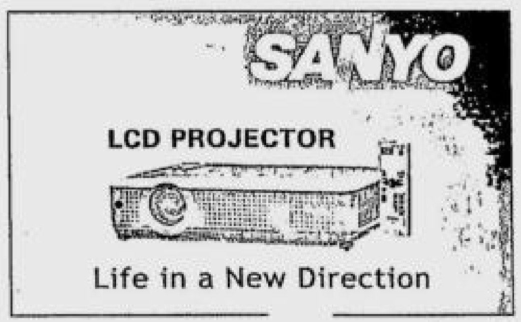
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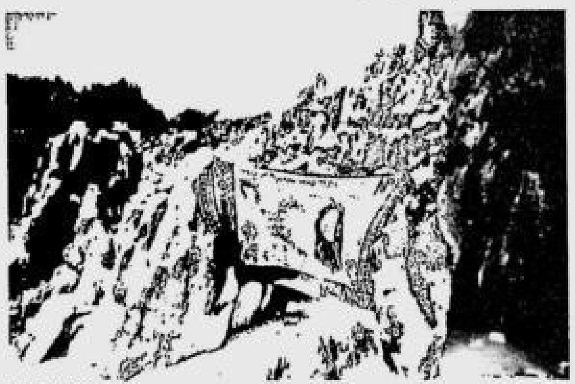
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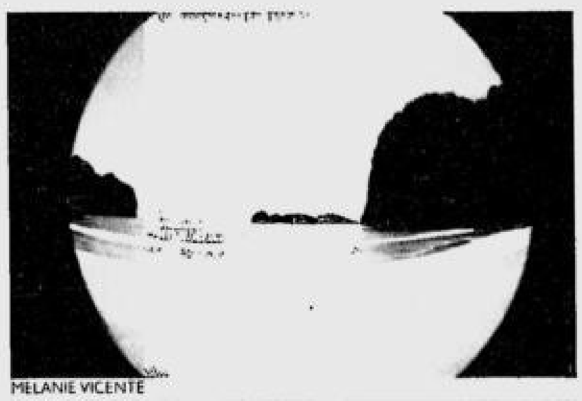
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Island fever

DIFFERENT islands, different adventures JILL LEJANO

Caramoan and other CamSur islands are nature's bliss and high

By Pam Pastor

WAKING UP AT 4 A.M. nursing a hangover and being expected to ride a rocky boat isn't how you normally like to spend your Sundays.

But when that boat takes you to Caramoan and leads you to beautiful islands like Matukad, Lahos and Kagbalingag, where you can swim, snorkel, take countless pictures and eat lunch on the sand, it really is worth it.

The islands were so beautiful I almost forgot my ordeal with motion sickness and the barf bags. On the way back, the water was more peaceful, leaving me with enough energy to bond with my new best friend, Bonamine.

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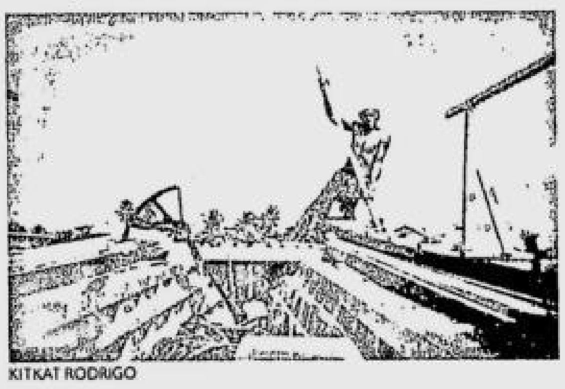
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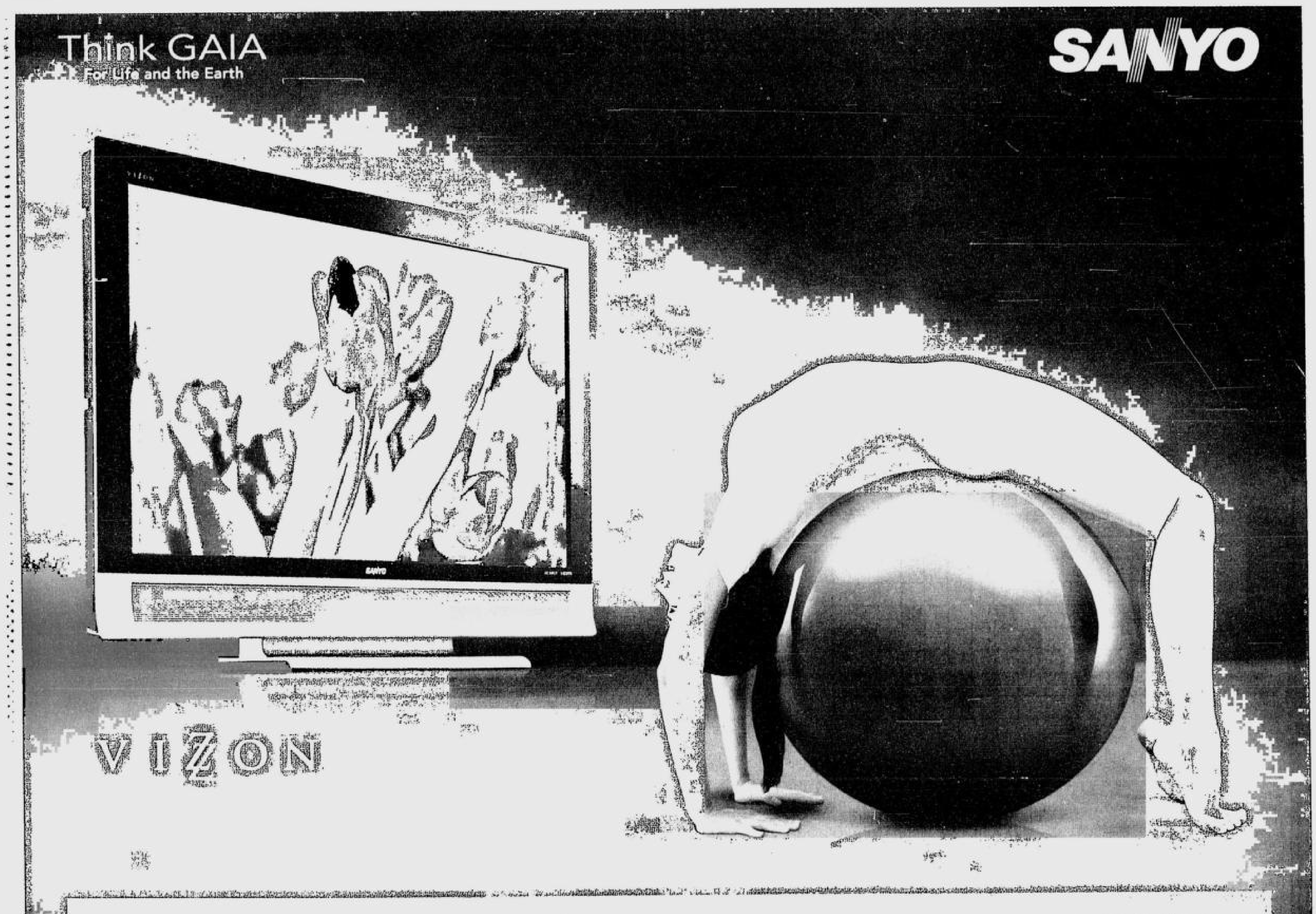

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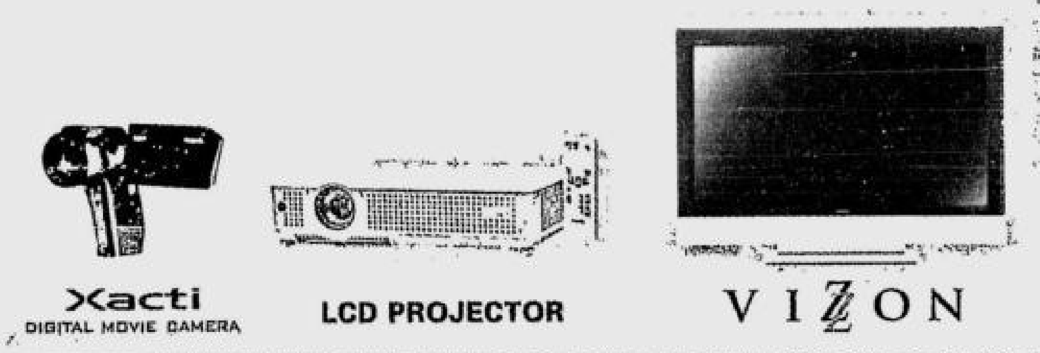

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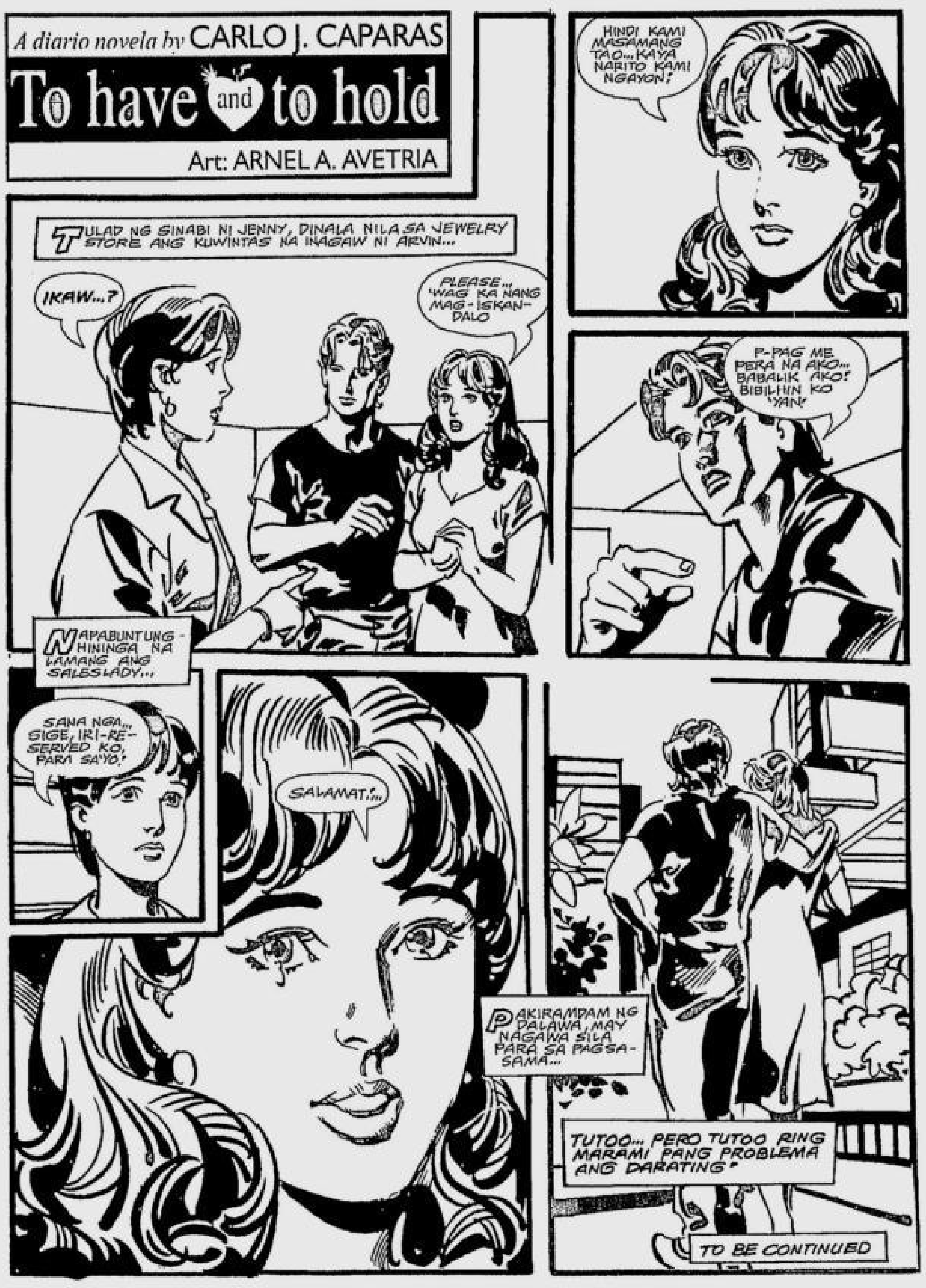
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TULAD NG SINABI NI JENNY, DINALA NILA SA JEWELRY STORE ANG KUWINTAS NA INAGAW NI ARVIN...
IKAW...?
PLEASE... 'WAG KA NANG MAG-ISKANDALO
P-PAG ME PERA NA AKO... BABALIK AKO! BIBILHIN KO 'YAN!
NAPABUNTUNG-HININGA NA LAMANG ANG SALESLADY...
SANA NGA... SIGE, IRI-RESERVED KO, PARA SA'YO!
SALAMAT!...
PAKIRAMDAM NG DALAWA, MAY NAGAWA SILA PARA SA PAGSASAMA...
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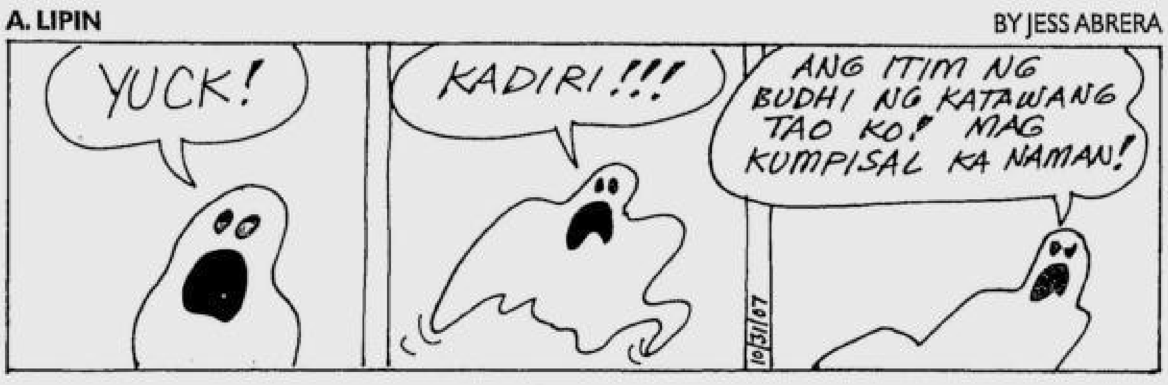
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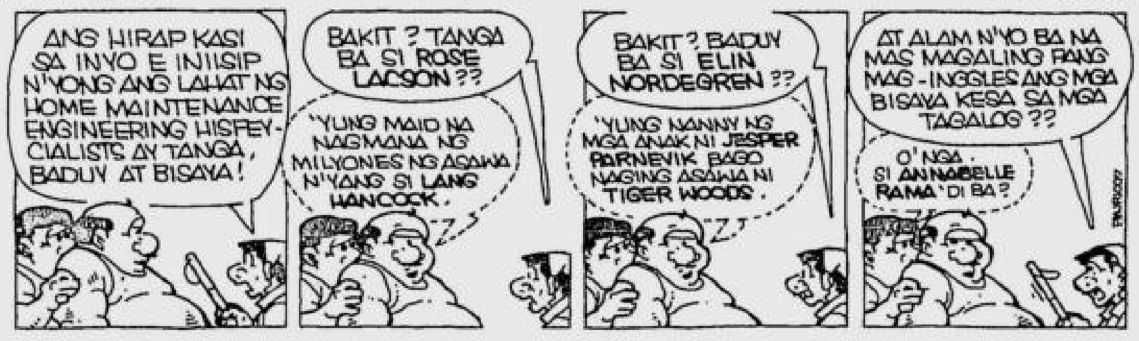
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BAKIT? BADUY BA SI ELIN NORDEGREN??
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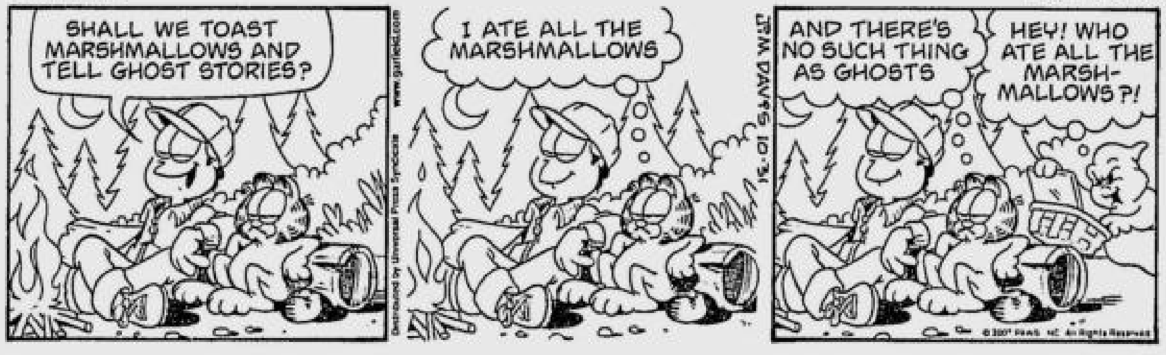
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I ATE ALL THE MARSHMALLOWS
AND THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS GHOSTS
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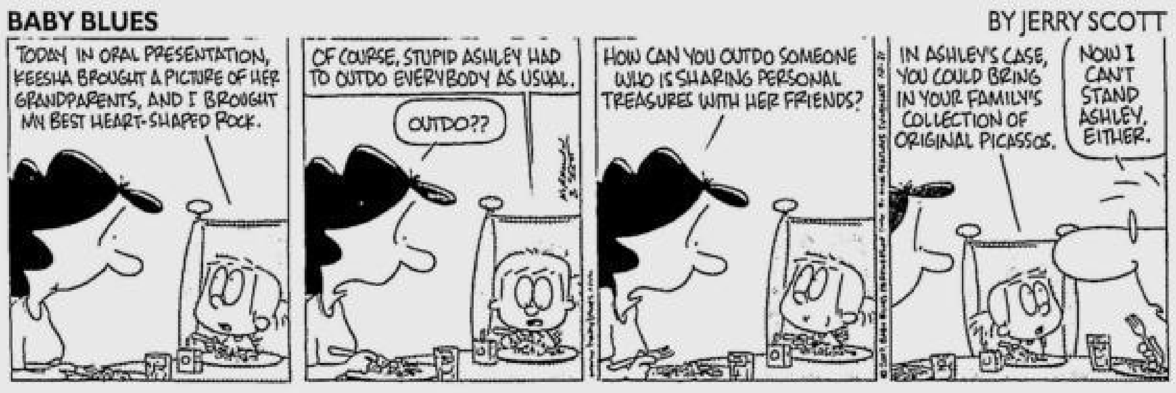
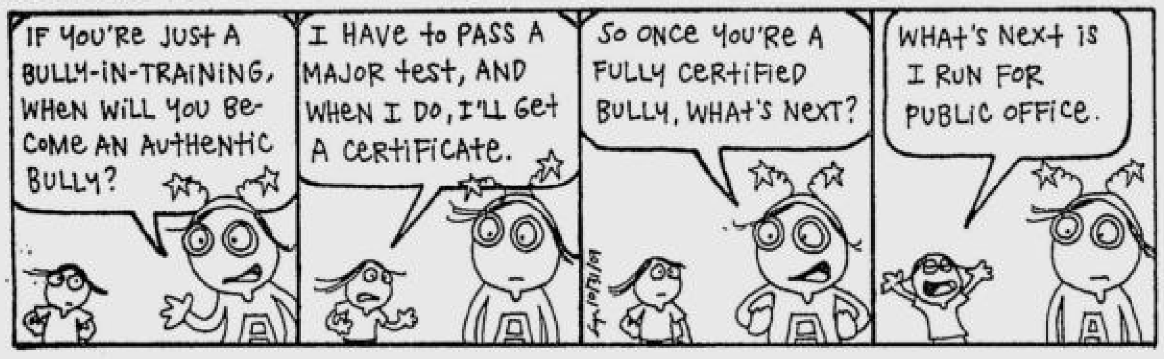
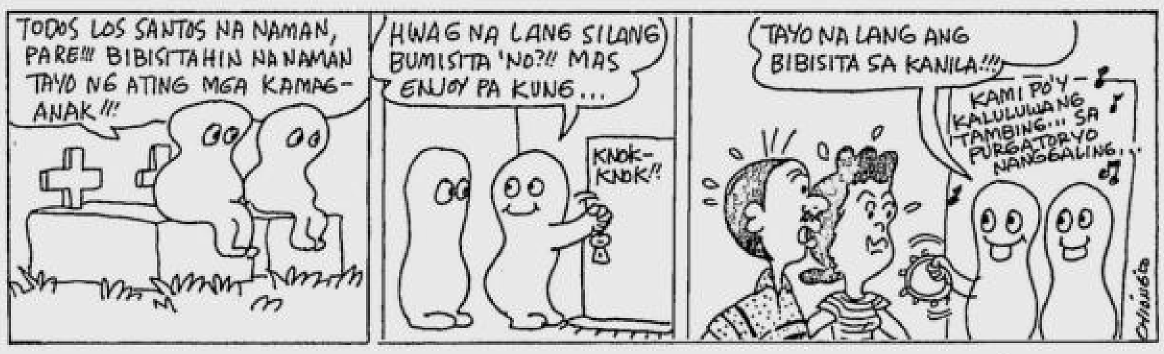

TODAY IN ORAL PRESENTATION, KEESHA BROUGHT A PICTURE OF HER GRANDPARENTS, AND I BROUGHT MY BEST HEART-SHAPED ROCK.
OF COURSE, STUPID ASHLEY HAD TO OUTDO EVERYBODY AS USUAL.
OUTDO??
HOW CAN YOU OUTDO SOMEONE WHO IS SHARING PERSONAL TREASURES WITH HER FRIENDS?
IN ASHLEY'S CASE, YOU COULD BRING IN YOUR FAMILY'S COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL PICASSOS.
NOW I CAN'T STAND ASHLEY, EITHER.

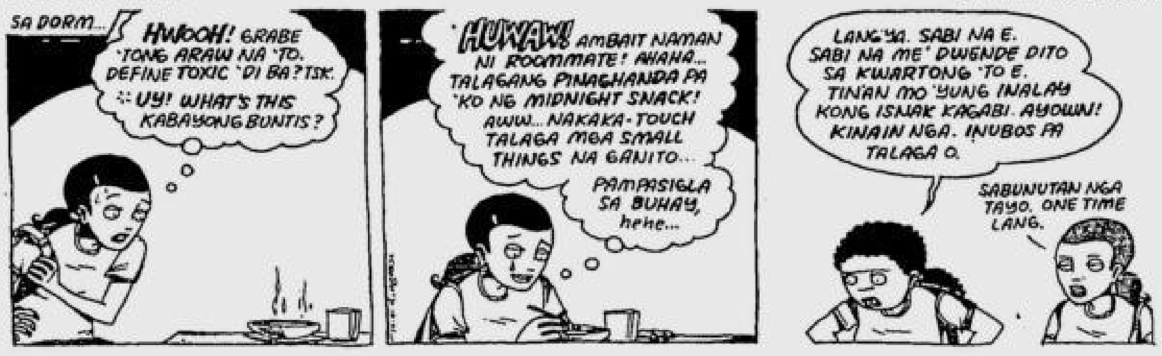
ATOMO AND WEBOY BY LYRA GARCELLANO


IF YOU'RE JUST A BULLY-IN-TRAINING, WHEN WILL YOU BECOME AN AUTHENTIC BULLY?
I HAVE TO PASS A MAJOR TEST, AND WHEN I DO, I'LL GET A CERTIFICATE.
SO ONCE YOU'RE A FULLY CERTIFIED BULLY, WHAT'S NEXT?
WHAT'S NEXT IS I RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

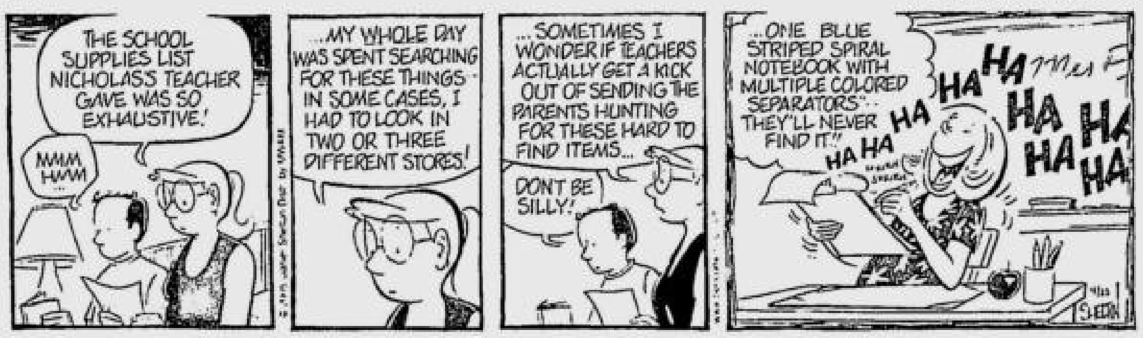
LOVEKNOTS BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


TODOS LOS SANTOS NA NAMAN, PARE!!! BIBISITAHIN NA NAMAN TAYO NG ATING MGA KAMAG-ANAK!!!
HWAG NA LANG SILANG BUMISITA 'NO?!! MAS ENJOY PA KUNG...
KNOK-KNOK!!
TAYO NA LANG ANG BIBISITA SA KANILA!!!
KAMI PO'Y KALULUWANG TAMBING... SA PURGATORYO NANGGALING...
Chionglo

KIKO MACHINE BY MANIX ABRERA


SA DORM...
HWOOH! GRABE 'TONG ARAW NA 'TO. DEFINE TOXIC 'DI BA? TSK.
UY! WHAT'S THIS KABAYONG BUNTIS?
HUWAW! AMBAIT NAMAN NI ROOMMATE! AHAHA... TALAGANG PINAGHANDA PA 'KO NG MIDNIGHT SNACK! AWW... NAKAKA-TOUCH TALAGA MGA SMALL THINGS NA GANITO...
PAMPASIGLA SA BUHAY, hehe...
LANG'YA. SABI NA E. SABI NA ME' DWENDE DITO SA KWARTONG 'TO E. TIN'AN MO 'YUNG INALAY KONG ISNAK KAGABI. AYOWN! KINAIN NGA. INUBOS PA TALAGA O.
SABUNUTAN NGA TAYO. ONE TIME LANG.

BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON


THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST NICHOLAS'S TEACHER GAVE WAS SO EXHAUSTIVE.
MMM HMM
...MY WHOLE DAY WAS SPENT SEARCHING FOR THESE THINGS - IN SOME CASES, I HAD TO LOOK IN TWO OR THREE DIFFERENT STORES!
...SOMETIMES I WONDER IF TEACHERS ACTUALLY GET A KICK OUT OF SENDING THE PARENTS HUNTING FOR THESE HARD TO FIND ITEMS...
DON'T BE SILLY!
...ONE BLUE STRIPED SPIRAL NOTEBOOK WITH MULTIPLE COLORED SEPARATORS - THEY'LL NEVER FIND IT!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
SHELTON

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Energy-saving panel
6 Bits of wordplay
10 Stare
14 Mountain ridge
15 Send out
16 Locality
17 1983 W.S. winners and losers
20 Stable mothers
21 Item in an etui
22 Mach+ plane
25 Cavity
26 Alaska's first governor
27 1987 W.S. winners and losers
32 Macabre
33 Matures
34 Consume
36 Volcano near Manila
37 Title holder
39 Icicle hangout
40 RR stop
41 Raced
42 Fiery felony
43 1977 W.S. winners and losers
47 Org. for non-workers?
48 Parseghian of football
49 Compass pt.
50 Dress size
53 Pedro's pal
55 1989 W.S. winners and losers
60 Indy-winner Luyendyk
61 Lug
62 Basketry willow
63 Tear apart
64 Indigo dye
65 Getz and Lee

DOWN
1 __ Paulo, Brazil
2 Defensive hockey great
3 Circle of flowers
4 Tiny power unit
5 Recidivism
6 Old Madrid money
7 Diamond arbiters
8 Govt. med. research agcy.
9 More penurious
10 Ore of lead
11 Saharan
12 Orange cover
13 Abate
18 Lindros of hockey
19 Tilts
22 Editor's marks
23 Perspiring
24 Albanian capital
26 Outskirts
28 Zilch
29 Ayn and Sally
30 Car deals for non-buyers
31 Relishes a taste
35 Uptight
37 Short musical production
38 Sob
39 Work unit
41 Ray in the sea
42 Slow passages
44 Caught red handed
45 Lady in distress
46 Genesis: abbr.
50 Carson's predecessor
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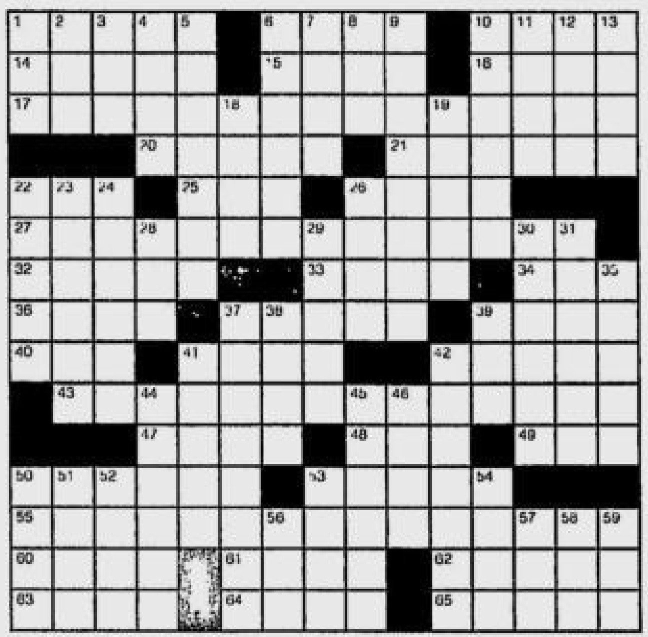
59 Soon-to-be grads



By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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HOROSCOPE

YOU BORN TODAY: You're extremely observant: You miss very little that is going on around you. You're an excellent source of information, either due to your own wonderful research abilities or your personal observations. You're extremely persevering and determined! Nevertheless, you like to be popular and accepted by others. (You try hard to please.) Your year ahead is wonderfully social and pleasing. Enjoy!

Birthdate of: Jane Pauley, TV anchor; Kinky Friedman, singer/author; Deidre Hall, actress.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Some kind of confusion with friends and groups might start to clear up now. As this happens, you'll have a better idea about your own future goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): It's been difficult trying to second-guess bosses, parents, teachers and authority figures for some time. However, starting today, you'll have a better idea about what others expect from you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Your idealism has been aroused more than usual lately. However, certain things might have been fuzzy or unclear. Now you'll get a better handle on things.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Confusion about shared property or even an inability to act on your part might diminish very soon. As a result, you'll have a clearer idea about what you want and what you deserve.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Many of you have been in a tailspin concerning intimate relationships or partnerships lately. You've found yourself second-guessing everything. Starting today, you'll have a clearer vision of things

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): It's been hard to know what you really want to achieve at work. You feel spread too thin. Now you might be able to concentrate your forces more efficiently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Creative projects and also romantic relationships have been confusing and even disappointing lately. Fear not. Things are going to become clearer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Everything that has been fuzzy or unsure in your home and domestic life might find a firmer footing as of today. At least you have a more realistic idea of what you can achieve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): So many delays have stalled you lately! These should reduce significantly, starting today. Now you can move forward with more confidence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Financial matters have been perplexing lately. Both your income and your expenditures have been hard to pin down. Now things should come together in a more concrete way. Finally!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): You'll start to feel increasing confidence in your ability to be productive and effective in your world. There's a sense of going forward now. Yay!

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Your ruler, Neptune, has been going "backward" since May of this year. Today it begins to go "forward" (in relation to planet Earth). This makes you feel stronger and more confident.

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

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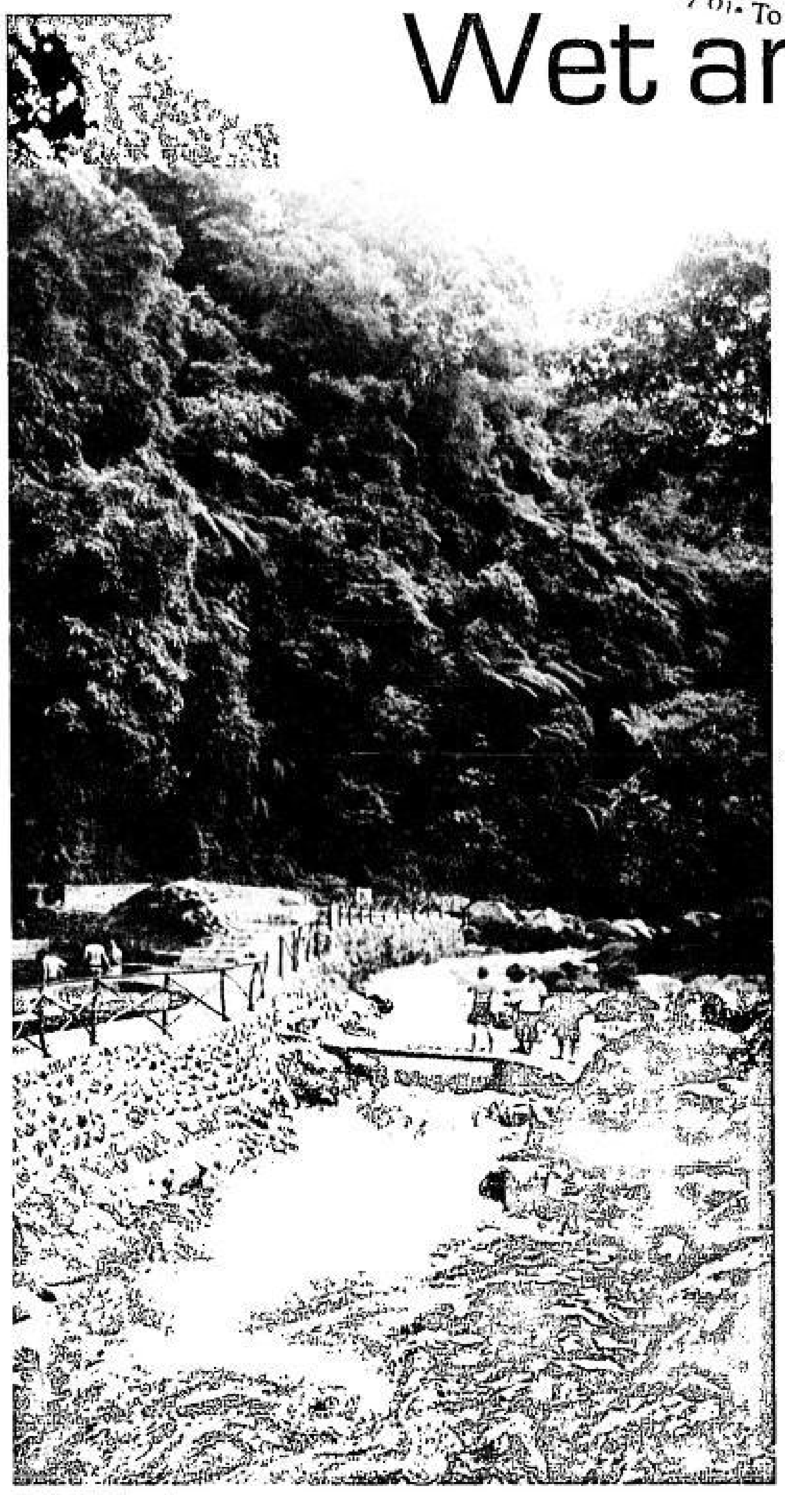
Wet and kind of wild


THE HOT springs JILL LEJANO

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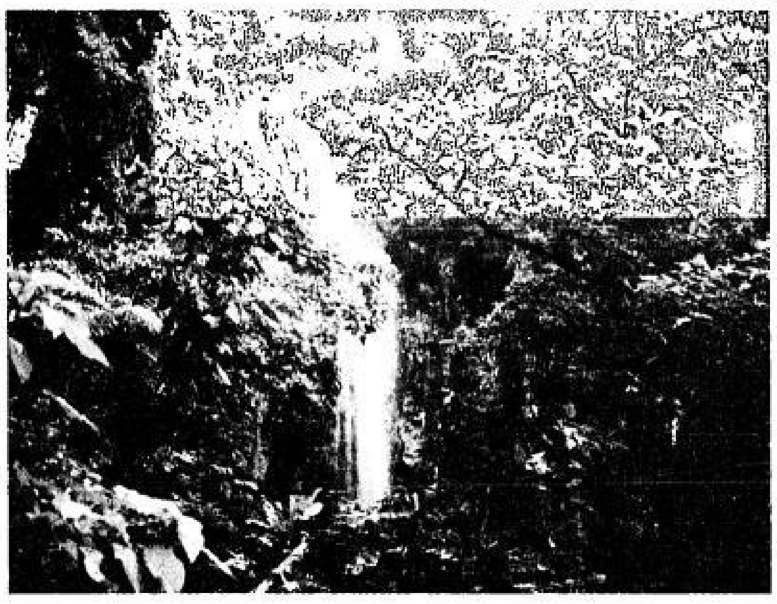
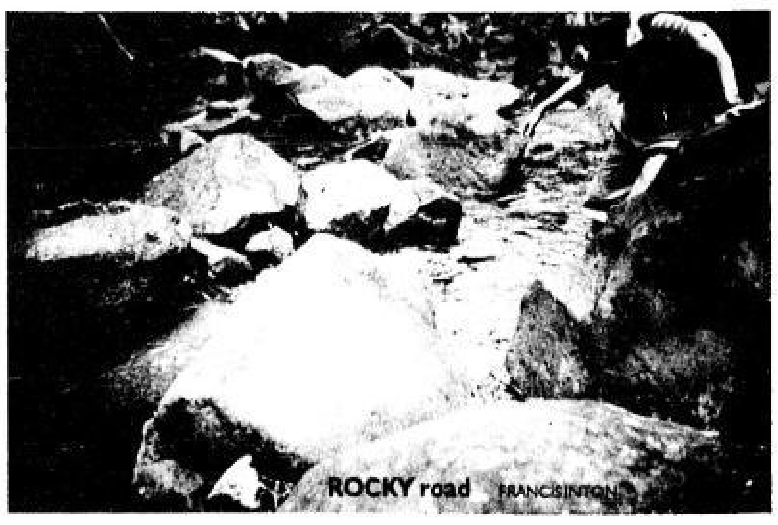
GO CHASE waterfalls LEJANO

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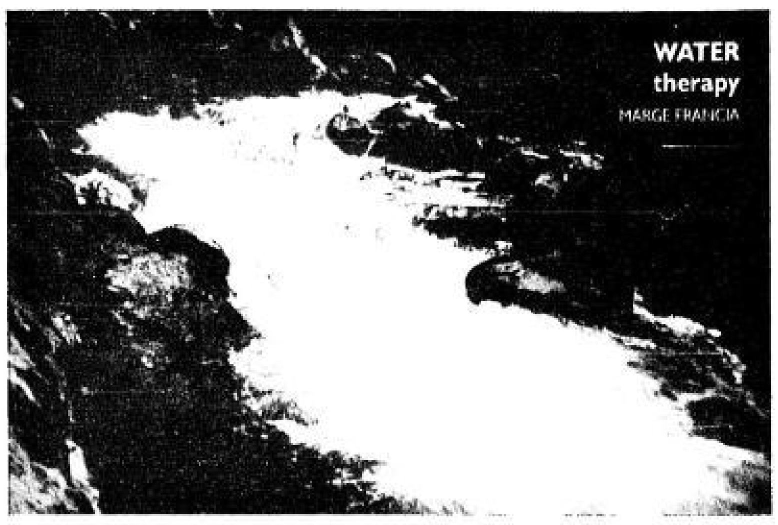
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Bambi territory

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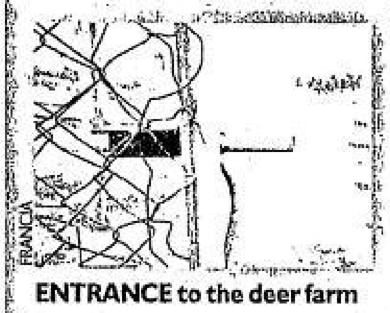
DAYDREAMING deer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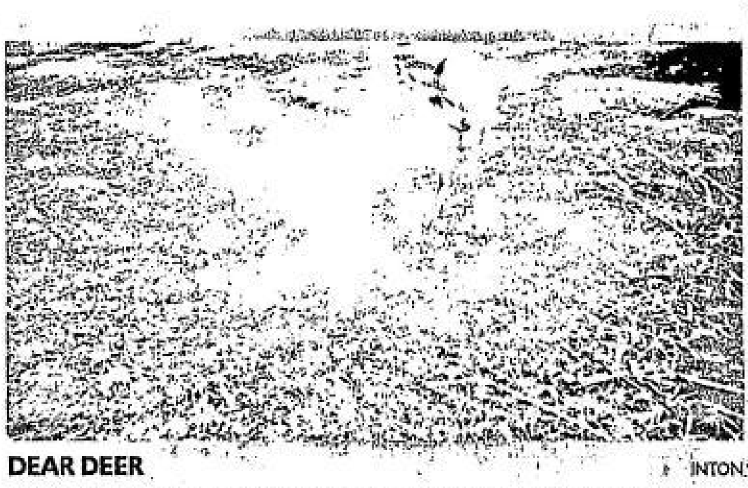
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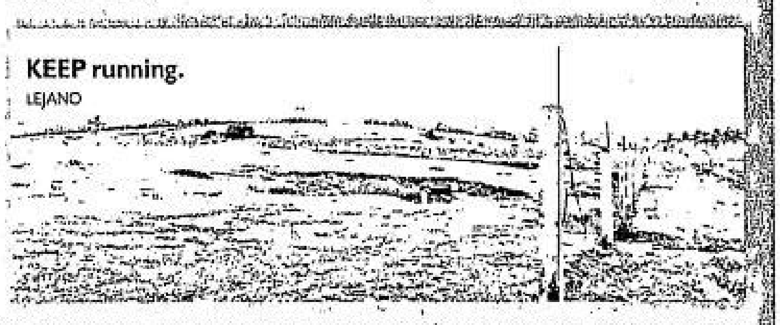
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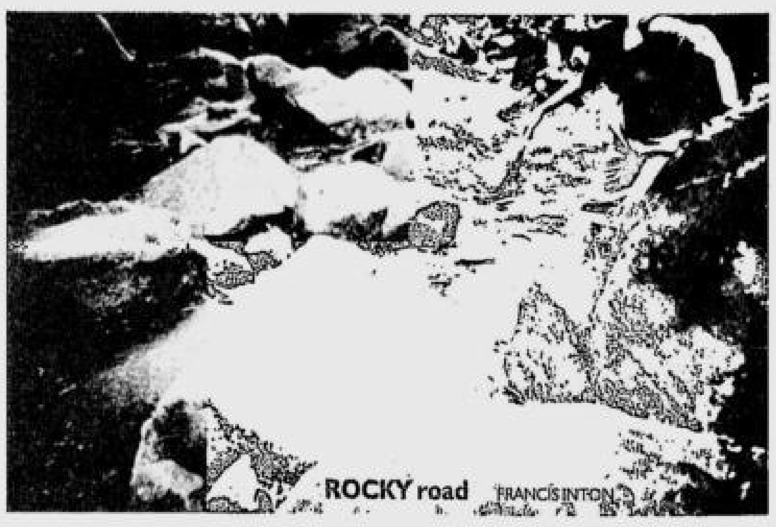
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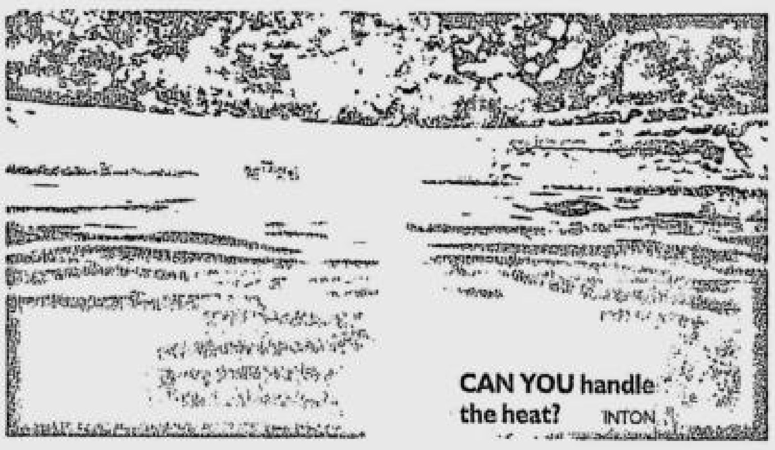
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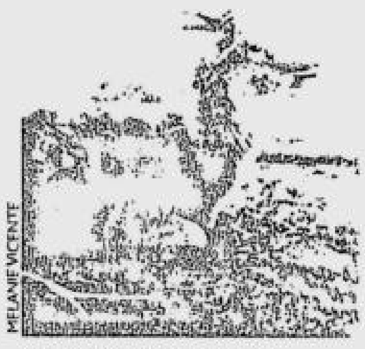
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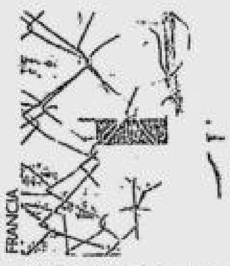
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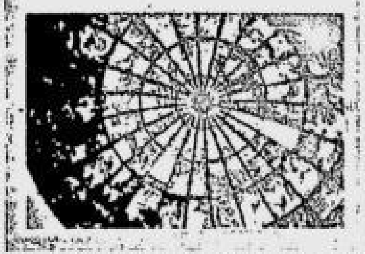

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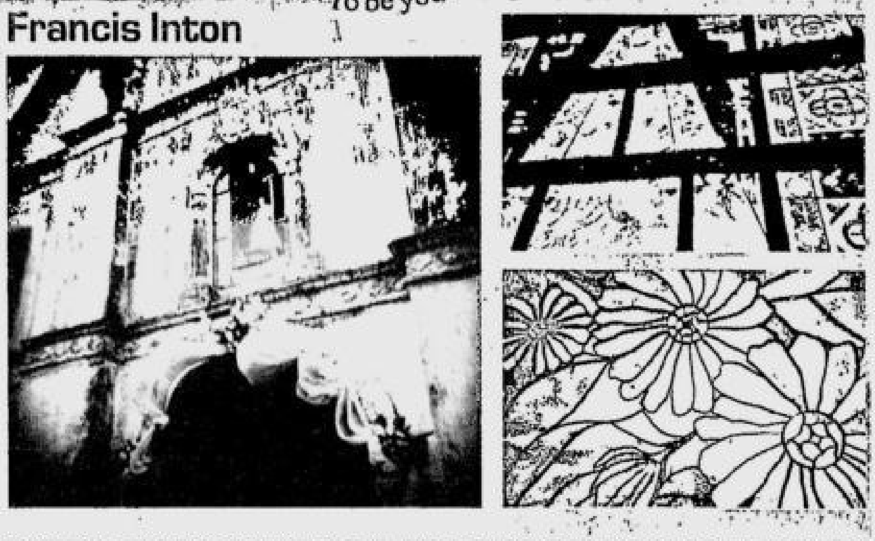

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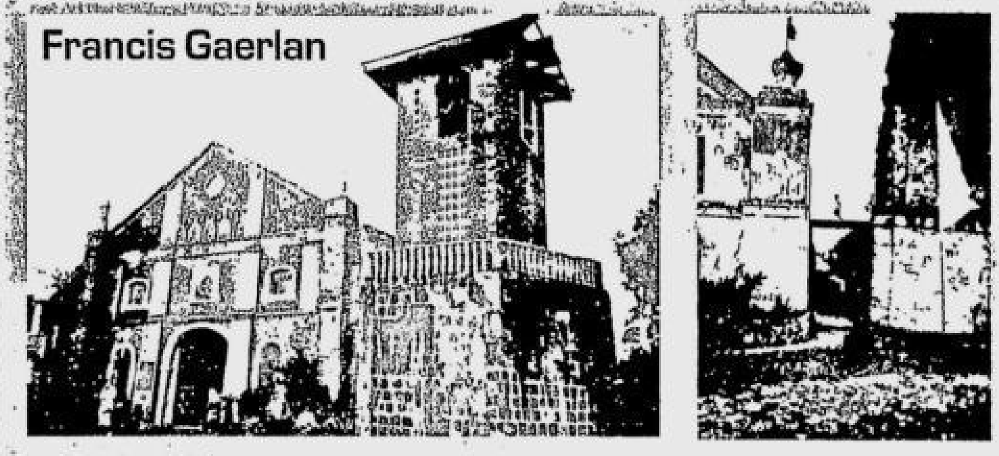
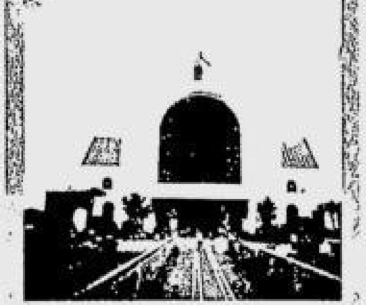


Holy ground

CAMARINES SUR IS home to a number of beautiful churches. We spent one morning visiting Bombon Church, Simbahang Quipayo, Our Lady of Penafrancia Basilica Minore, St. Joseph Church and Penafrancia Cathedral, saying silent prayers, marveling at the beautiful stained-glass windows and capturing moments both holy and not—a nervous bride getting ready for her vows, old women sitting quietly, children lighting candles, people queuing up for blessings.



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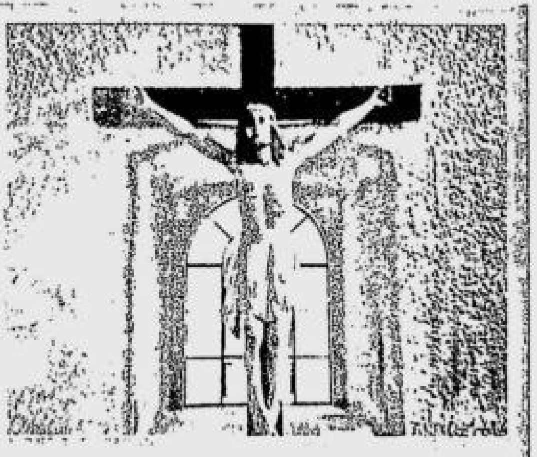

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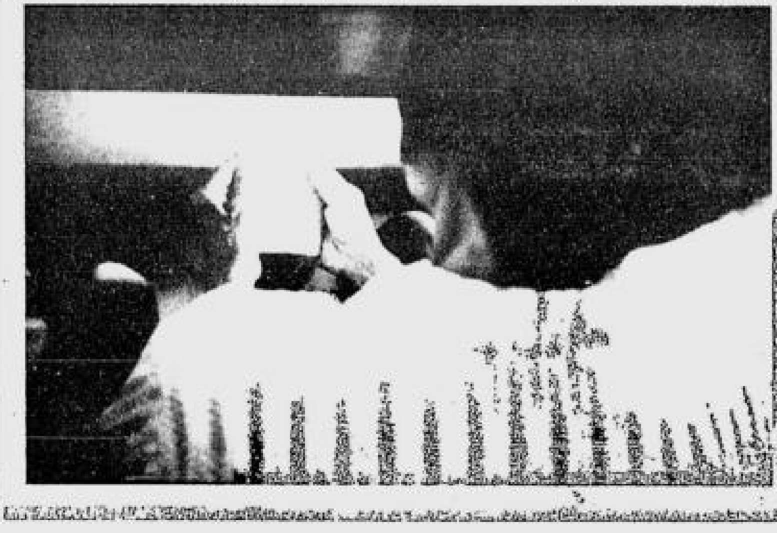

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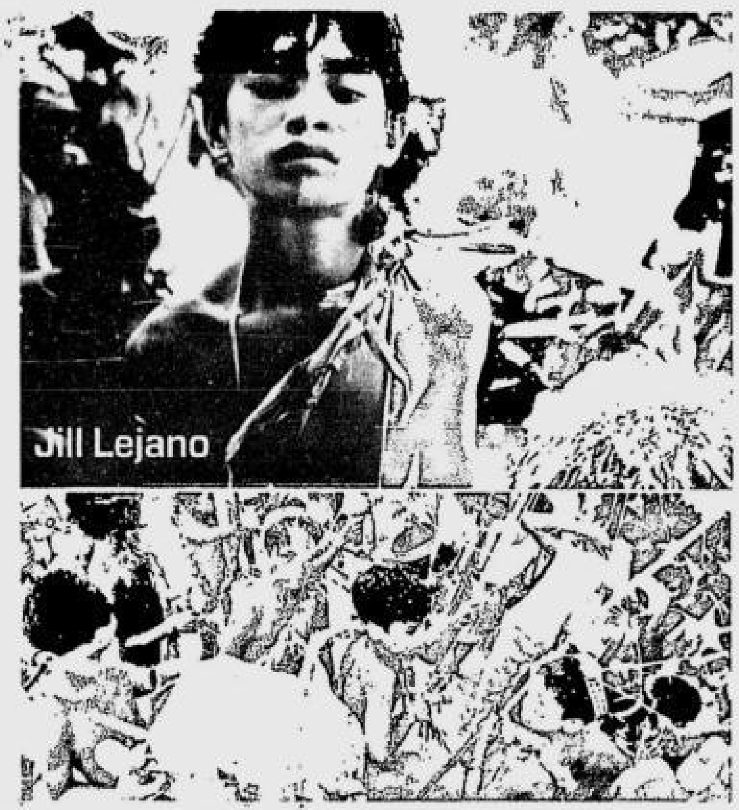

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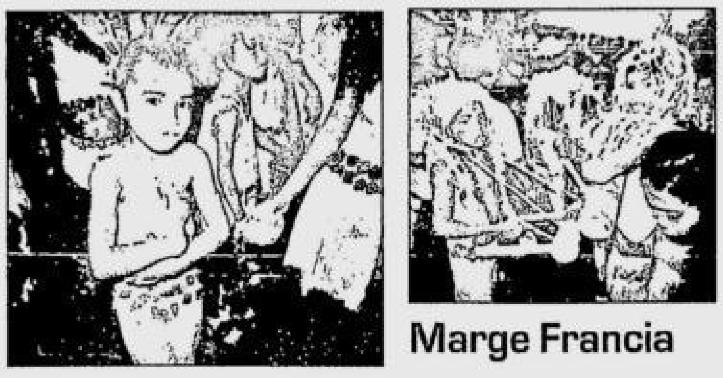
EVERY TRIP throws surprises your way.

As we made our way from one church to another, a colorful sight greeted us near Bombon Church. Children in different costumes, parents and teachers bustling about, vendors peddling their wares. It wasn't the fiesta yet, they were only preparing, but it was already eye candy overload.



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CHERRY Pie Picache plays surrogate mom to Kier Segundo in a drama that focuses on the state of foster care in the Philippines.

A real, crude 'Foster Child'

By Gerry Plaza
Inquirer.net

A POWERFUL STORY, COMPELLING PERformances, unforgettable characters.

The world took notice of "Foster Child," and it seemed the accolades would continue. With several international awards, the film's shining moment came in the 2007 Cannes Film Festival, where it received a near 15-minute standing ovation during the Directors' Fortnight in May.

Amid the acclaim, the people behind "Foster Child" revealed that the crude, "real-time" approach was what gave the film its appeal.

"Pitted against films from the First World, it really stands out *kasi ibang-iba*," producer Robbie Tan said after a special screening of "Foster Child" at the INQUIRER multi-purpose room. "They appreciate it because they find it authentic and they find it a bit crude. They find it really Third World. That's why it's very appealing to them."

Directed by Brillante Mendoza, written by Ralston Jover, and starring Cherry Pie Picache, Jiro Manio, Eugene Domingo, Dan Alvaro and Alwyn Uytingco, "Foster Child" won the Special Jury Prize in the Eurasia International Film Festival in Kazakhstan in September.

"The narrative is not on the ego or the character, but on the place, the phenomenon. This is the story of fostering, not the story of Cherry Pie (who plays the lead character Thelma). *Sinuportahan lang ng direksyon na huwag masyadong mag*-close up (sa character), which is the convention in mainstream cinema *kasi* very character actor oriented *sila*," the film's project consultant and noted screenwriter Armando Lao said.

The film focused on the daily travails of a poor family, subsidized by a nongovernment organization, in fostering an orphan child awaiting legal adoption.

"*Maikli lang yung* time frame, *so hindi* one year or 10 years, one day *lang*, three days *lang*," Lao explained. "So *kino*-chroni-

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In tune with life's music

It is in the music scene where changes are instantly felt and celebrated. Here, revolutions start at the riff of the guitar, the crash of a cymbal or the pounding of the bass.

With the emergence of music trends such as MTV, music has evolved to become more of a lifestyle. It became a much bigger part of daily life and a more powerful driving force in our society.

And for generations of music lovers and enthusiasts, something as creatively complex and mysteriously moving as music is still best experienced first-hand.

Leading her own quiet renaissance, singer Sitti Navarro brought back the sexy rhythms of Bossa Nova without much noise but with whole lots of charm. Her presence in a music scene mostly dominated by loud rock is nothing less than a breath of fresh air. But Sitti's no revivalist - her music is one that sounds as modern as ever. "I love how it accepts all music formats," she says, "When you're busy, that's when the Nseries comes to the rescue. It has a huge memory, too."

Sitti

It isn't surprising to find that the Nokia Nseries appeals to an artist like Sitti – for whom innovation means updating, and not disregarding, the past. "I listen to more music now and I don't limit myself to only Bossa Nova," she says, "I listen to all kind of music...I've taken quite a liking to classical music, but different kinds of music help me in my performances, on how to approach a song."

"Bossa Nova though, never fails to relax me," says Sitti. "Singing's not only a form of self-expression for me, but also prayer."

"I'm almost always on the go," she says, "The Nseries phone makes music accessible anytime. I can just put in whatever music or songs that I want and voila! I'm all set and ready to go."

The Nseries' all-in-one capability is a big plus for Sitti. "It has a huge memory, it's like an mp3 phone already!" she says. "It's easily managed, plus four music formats are acceptable! When you're busy and don't have the time to convert music to acceptable formats, that's when the Nseries comes to the rescue!"

For Kjwan frontman Marc Abaya, rock and roll is about bringing a sense of danger to the performance. A passionate and tireless performer, he is undoubtedly one of his generation's most dynamic singers who make it a point to bring raw emotion and attitude to his singing – an attitude that isn't confined to the stage.

A filmmaker and actor as well, his choice of the Nseries is based on his demand for technology that can keep up with him. He recognizes that it's essential as a tool these days, but he doesn't agree that one should adjust their lives to it. "It has to be in tune with me," he says.

In short, it's got to keep up.

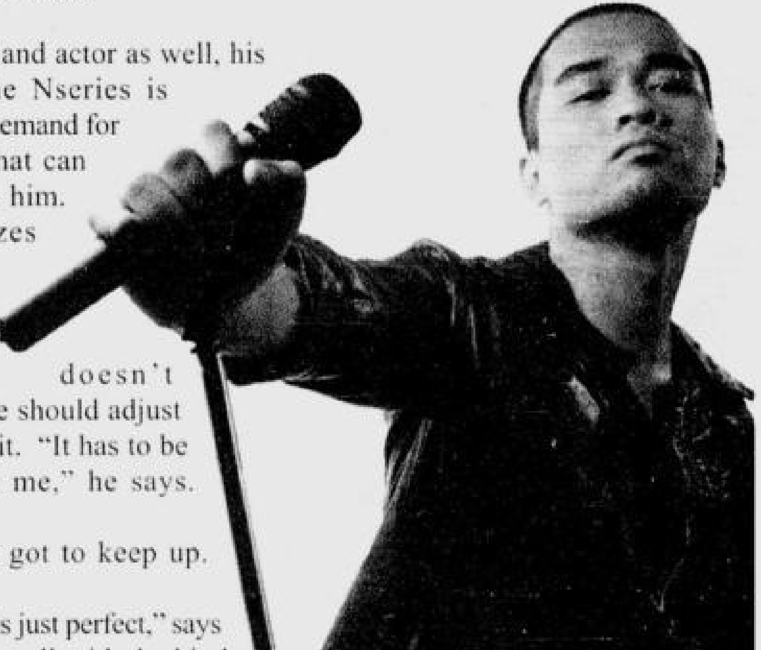
"The Nseries is just perfect," says Marc, "It fits well with the kind of life I have, just like my PC."

So, what makes Nokia Nseries the preferred mobile technology of these music personalities?

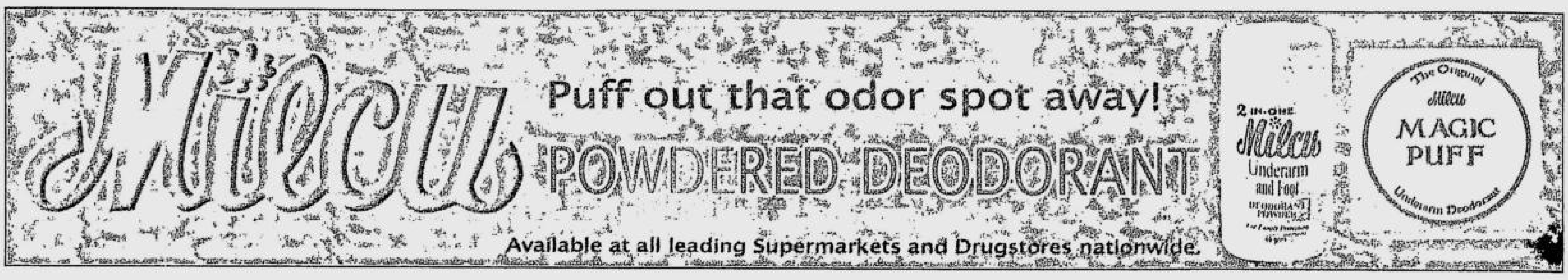
For Sitti, it's all she needs in a single phone. "It makes my life easier!"

"It's mobile technology for the new generation," says Marc.

For today's creative individual, whether a musician or a music fan, the Nokia Nseries is the all-in-one multimedia device that features technology that's perfectly in tune with the demanding and dynamic lifestyle of the mobile generation.



Marc Abaya of Kjwan



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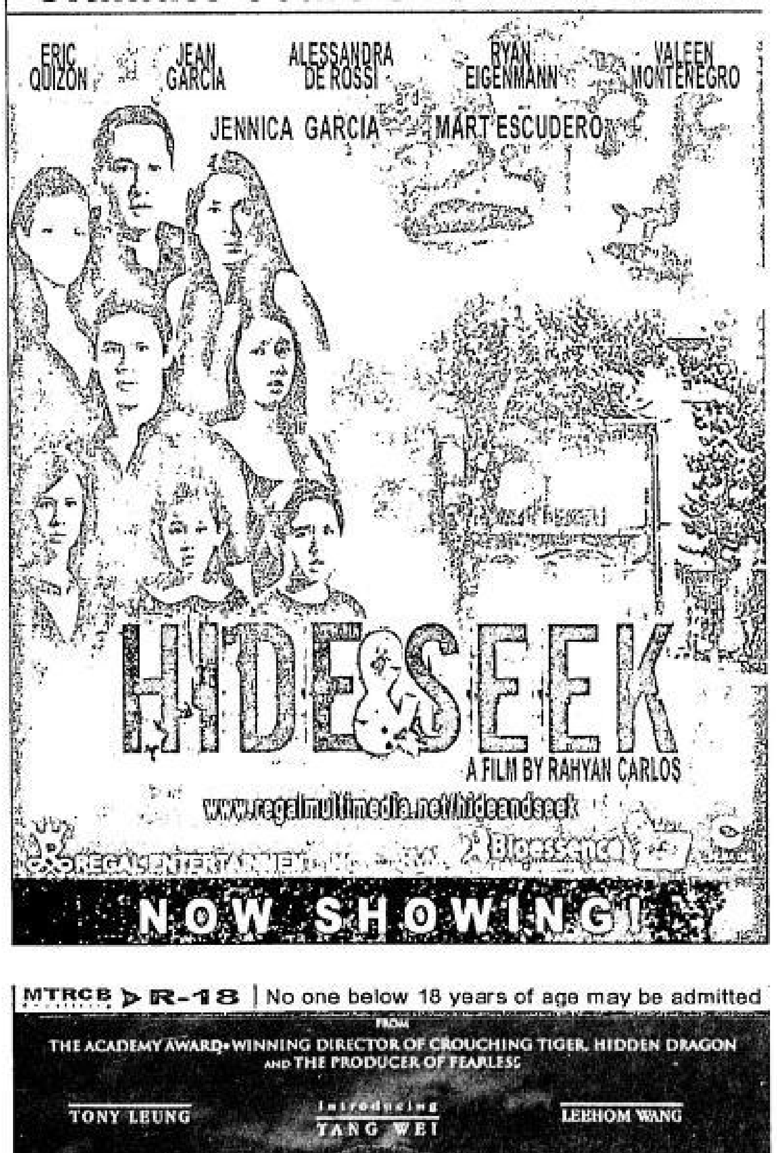
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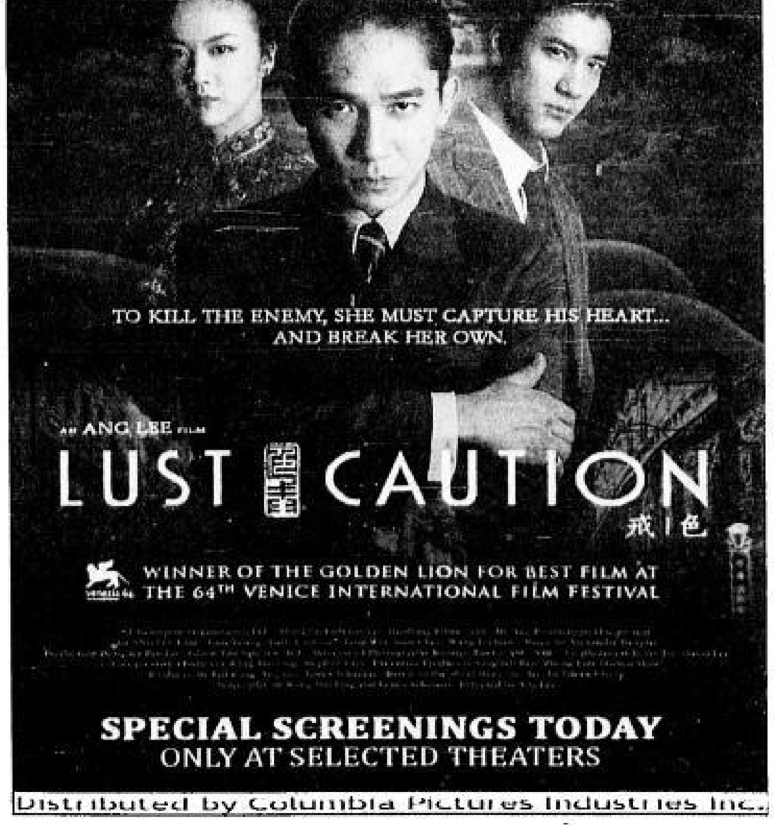
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But, just like in his traumatic childhood, he proves to be no match for the supremely self-confident Mr. Woodcock (**Billy Bob Thornton**), who treats John as badly as when he was a pudgy adolescent.

This really rankles in John's adult psyche, because he's become famous as a motivator who's written a

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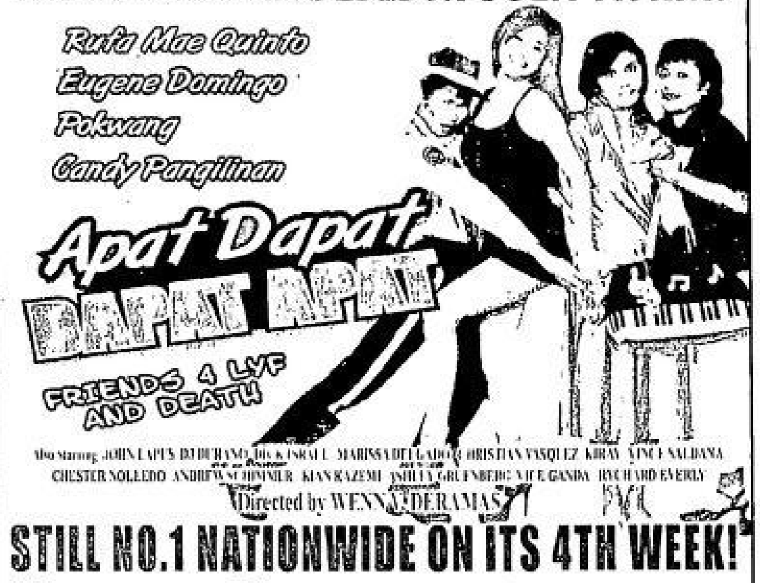
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"We feel that this app accommodates a Filipi ence, *sa* Filipino rea added.

According to Tan, the makers adopt the less-p al-time approach, the chances of making it bi cinema.

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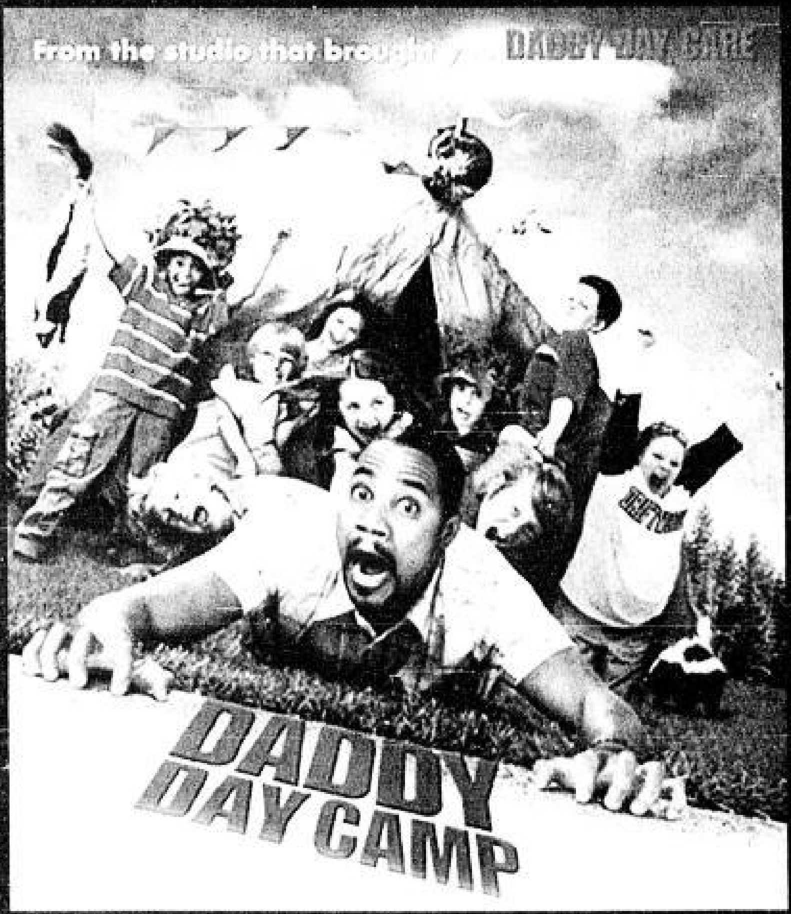

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ally, they all learn that you can't nybody else other than yourself r. problems or problematic situa- life. That's a good lesson to learn, properly appreciative for the psy-

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

chic reorientation.

On the minus side, Scott turns out to be a poor choice as this movie's protagonist, because he isn't all that believable as a famous psychic motivator to millions—and because he's roundly upstaged by both Sarandon and Thornton.

Sarandon acts circles around her film son just by being true to her character, no frills. For his part, Thornton is a consistently strong film actor, whose big-screen characterizations through the years have been idiosyncratic.

His portrayal of Mr. Woodcock is no exception. With a few telling strokes, he creates this neo-Nazi, über-psychological torturer who warps hundreds of helpless and hapless youths—for life!

Unfortunately, aside from these solid lead performances, the movie has little to offer by way of genuinely comedic wit and creativity. Its jokes tend to be of the predictably randy sort, and John's efforts to get back at his old tormentor are pathetic instead of inventive.

That's too bad, because the other "victims" in the audience are effectively deprived of the catharsis they so badly need to get over *their* childhood traumas, and get back at their tormentors. Well, that's life—on the movie screen and off.

The production would have resonated better with viewers if it had paid more attention to the "revenge" aspects of its plot and theme. Even better, it could have allowed its young protagonist to score some decisive points in his ongoing physical and psychological "war" with Mr. Woodcock.

Instead, he keeps retaliating in weak and predictable ways, so his defeat is assured. It's only when his mother reveals how much he's hurt her with his petty ploys that Farley finally realizes that he's got to stop thinking only of his feelings—and grow up.

ter Child": (from left) producer Robbie Tan, and project consultant Armando Lao RUDY ESPERAS

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Lao also hinted why "Foster Child" maintains its winning streak in international festivals, in which Philippine independent films are always in demand:

"*Sabi nga ni* Dante (director Brillante Mendoza) *kung ang pelikula niya iko*-compare *o i*-juxtapose *sa ibang mga* entries, *mukhang basura ang pelikula niya. Eh bakit nanalo? Yung iba hindi nanalo pero* technically polished. *Kasi sa* content. *At saka, nakikita yung* Philippines *sa pelikula. Yun ang hinahanap nila eh.*"

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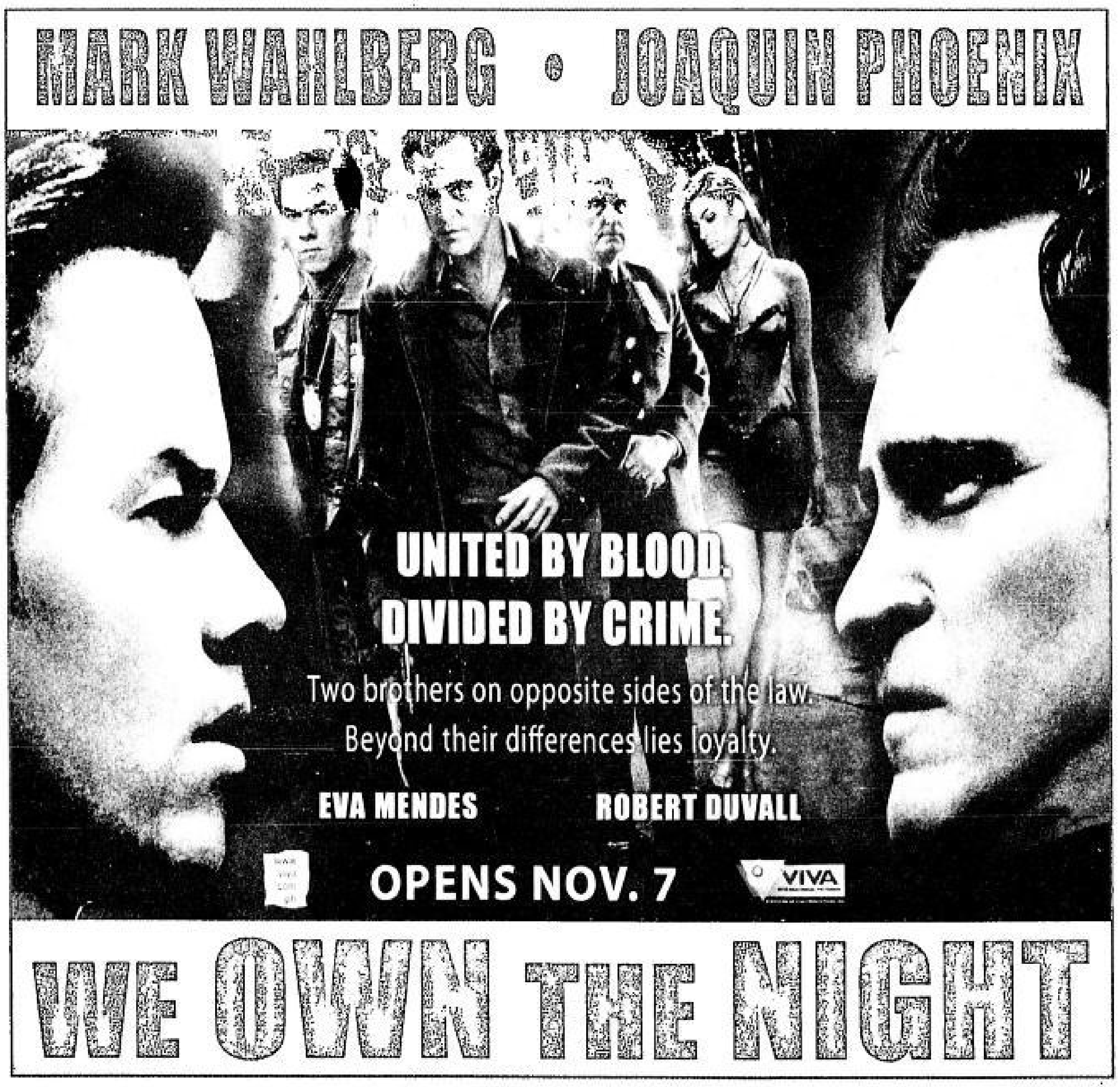
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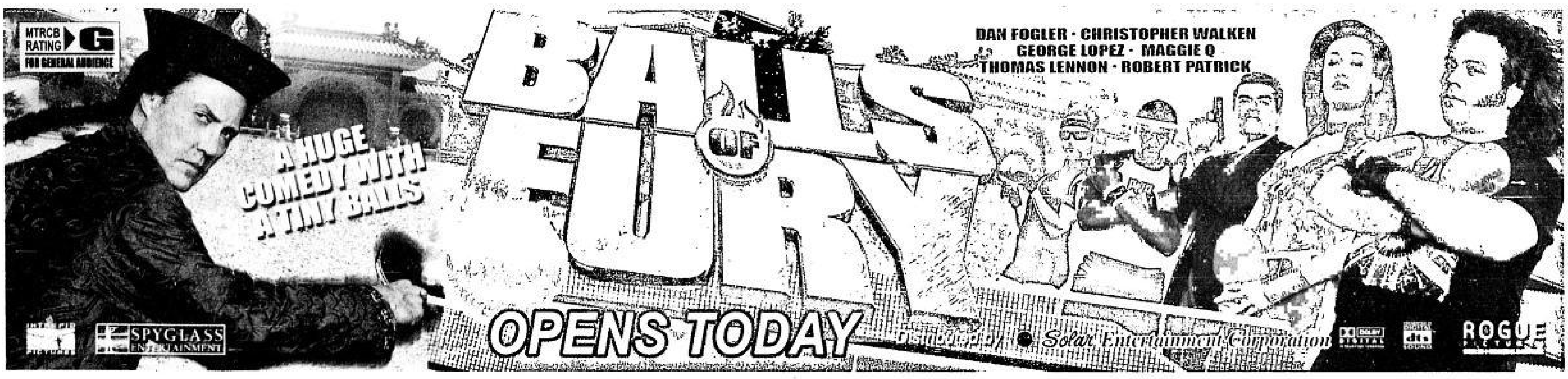
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Directed by Rahyan Carlos

To escape from controversies, a university professor (Quizon) takes his family to a faraway rest house that turns out to be the home of restless spirits. De Rossi, who previously appeared in the Singaporean thriller "The Maid," says she enjoys playing a ghost. "In my past movies, I was the one being scared. This time, I'm the one doing the spooking." Director Carlos recalls that her "prosthetics took one hour to put on."

"HIDE and Seek"

30 Days of Night

Stars Josh Hartnett, Melissa George, Ben Foster, Danny Huston

Directed by David Slade

In this scream fest based on the graphic novel by Steve Niles and Ben Templesmith, vampires invade the small town of Barrow, Alaska, where the sun doesn't rise for a month. Pete Vonder Haar of Film Threat opines: "The massacre ... catches us off guard." Joshua Tyler of Cinemablend.com thinks it's "intense and gripping." Gary Thompson of Philadelphia Daily News concurs: "The ending is as inventive as [its] Arctic Circle premise."

"HALLOWEEN"

Halloween

Stars Malcolm McDowell, William Forsythe, Daeg Faerch, Sheri Moon

Directed by Rob Zombie

In this "reimagining" of John Carpenter's 1978 slasher pic, the focus is on homicidal maniac Mike Myers. Josh Bell of Las Vegas Weekly comments that the remake "falls short of the original's legacy." Ken Fox of TV Guide asserts that Zombie "succeeds admirably, mostly by bringing his own style." Ethan Alter of Film Journal International disagrees: "As well-made as it is, it disappoints ... just a footnote to another film's legacy."

"DADDY Day Camp"

Daddy Day Camp

Stars Cuba Gooding Jr., Phil Ryerson, Richard Grant, Tamala Jones

Directed by Fred Savage

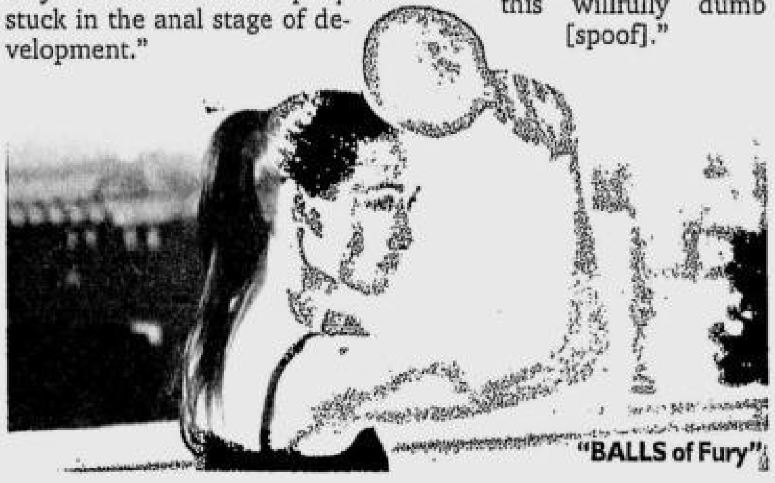
This sequel to Eddie Murphy's 2003 comedy is directed by former child star Savage of "The Wonder Years" fame. John Anderson of Variety points out that this flick's humor mainly "revolves around bodily functions and feral children." Ty Burr of Boston Globe agrees: "Innocuous amusement for 5 to 8 year-olds or other people stuck in the anal stage of development."

Balls of Fury

Stars Dan Fogler, Christopher Walken, George Lopez, Maggie Q

Directed by Robert Ben Garant

A frustrated athlete (Fogler) is recruited by the FBI to infiltrate an illegal underground table-tennis tournament. Roger Ebert of Chicago Sun-Times writes: "If you're watching [this movie], you obviously didn't have anything better to do." Claudia Puig of USA Today calls it an "uninspired and sophomoric satire." Sheri Linden of The Hollywood Reporter relates: "Ping-pong balls [and laughs] fly fast and furious ... in this willfully dumb [spoof]."



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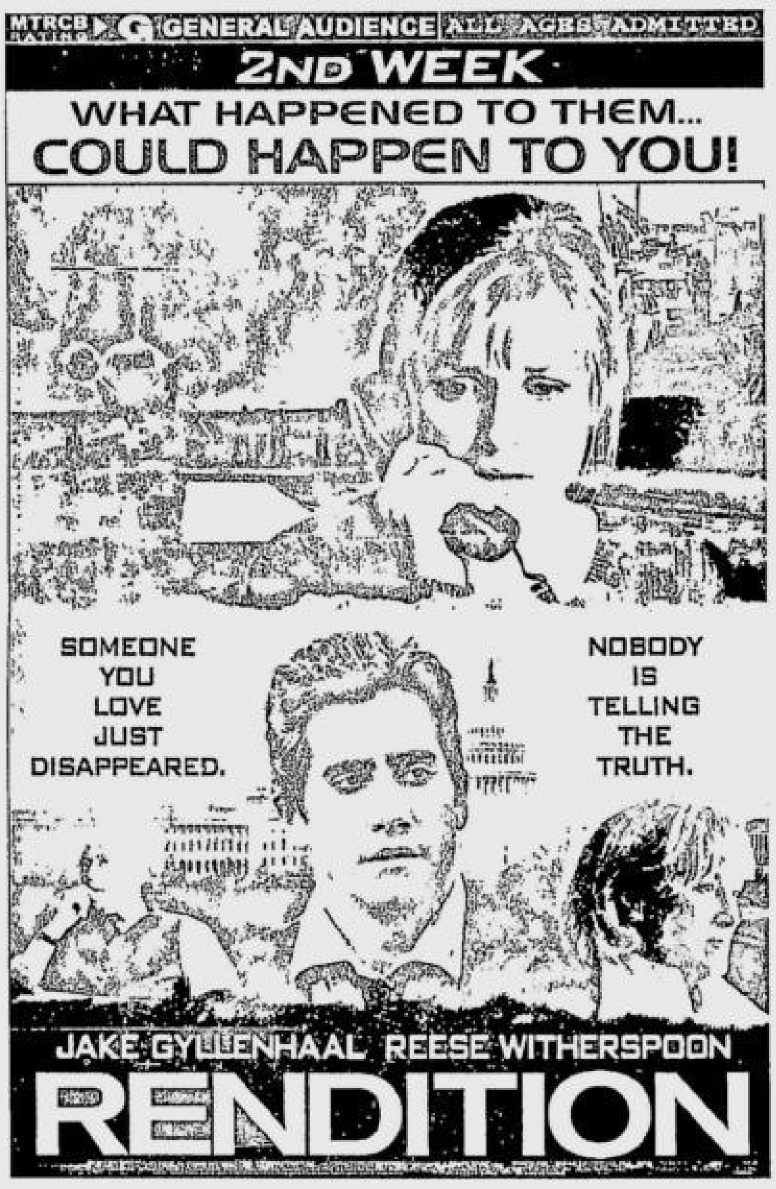

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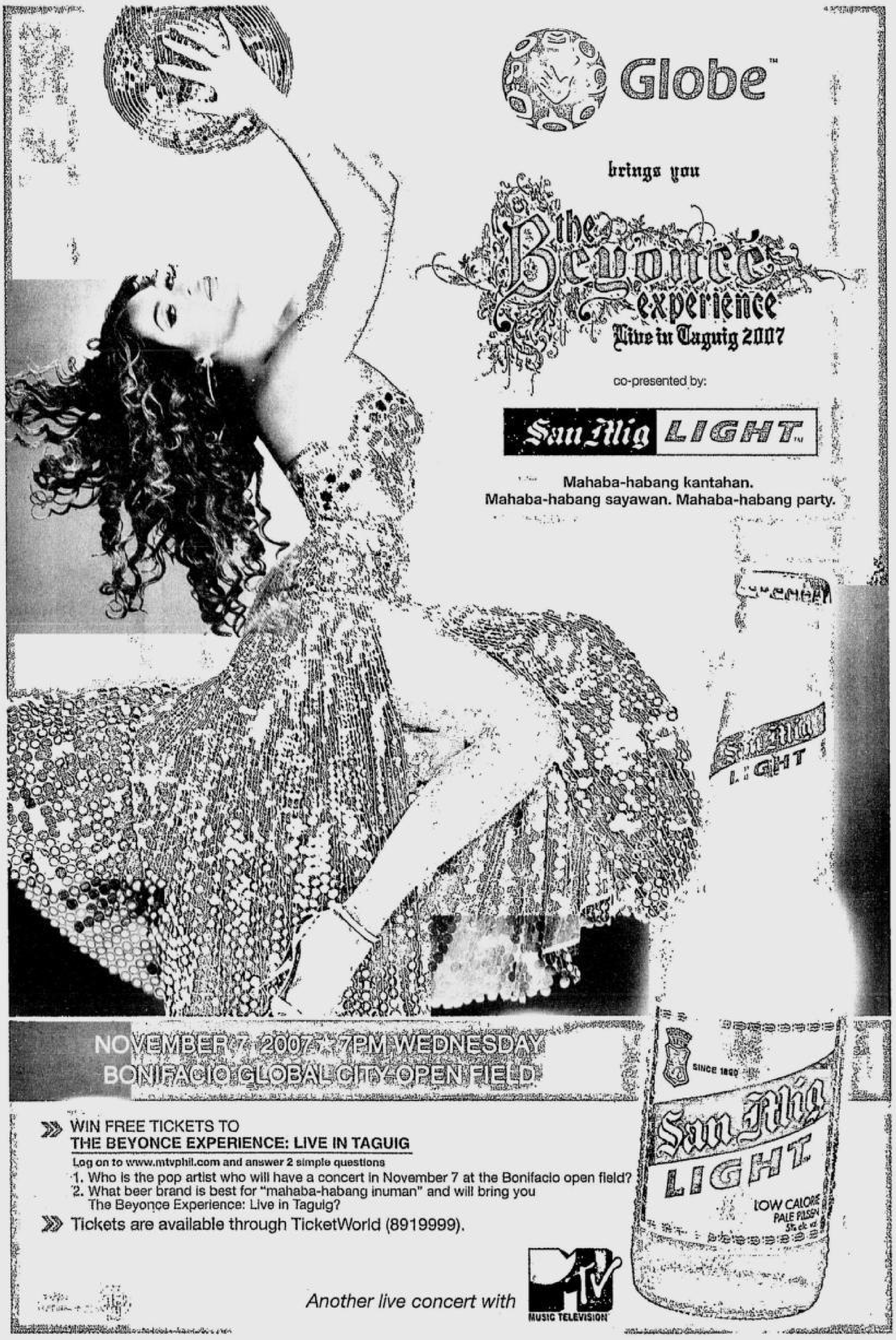

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GMA 7 STARS **MARIAN RIVERA**, **Dingdong Dantes**, **Dennis Trillo**, **Paolo Ballesteros** and **Pauleen Luna** conquered Bacolod during the Kapuso Masskara Weekend. Masskara means a mass of faces.

The Kapuso mall show truly lived up to what the festival means. A sea of people was in SM Bacolod to catch a glimpse of their fave GMA celebs—a sure sign that "Marimar" and "Zaido" also reign supreme in the "City of Smiles." Parokya ni Edgar also joined the revelry.

Dennis was evasive when asked about his love child with Carlene Aguilar. Guess he wants to relish his fatherhood joys in private for now.

Paolo told me he has no qualms that his gay role as Yda, the cross-dressing villain in "Zaido," would all the more make people question his gender. Who cares? As long as he turns in a convincing performance.

I asked Pauleen, who's turning 19 soon, if her BF Mayor **Sherwin Gatchalian** will give her a ring on her birthday, just like what her ex-BF Marvin Agustin did on her debut. "It's too soon for him to give me a ring but *'di ko tatanggihan* if he does," she said, giggling.

I had fun meeting the cool DJs of Radio GMA 107.1 Campus Ayos, which is the No. 1 station in Inasal Country. They are Papa Dino (**Ding Vasquez**), Papa Cholo a.k.a. Lady C (**Rey Pinongan**), Papa Bojo (**Nino Ganzon**), Papa Franco (**Jimmer Monserate**), Papa Paolo (**Nilo Gromea**) and Papa Gio (**Rally Vargas**). Their unified concept of all being "Papables" on the air endears them to their listeners.

Take for instance Papa Dino's "Talk to Papa" (Monday to Saturday, 1-3 p.m.), an interactive show, and Lady C's "What! Duh! Eww" (Saturday 8-11 p.m.), in which Papa Cholo pretends he's gay as he dishes out no-nonsense advice ranging from fashion to passion.

Daghang salamat to GMA 7's superb team **Ramir Orteza**, **Barbette Atienza**, **Dorsld Granada** and **Oliver Amoroso**, my fun colleagues **Ian Fariñas** of People's Tonite, **Eugene Asis** of People's Journal, **Walden Belen** of Manila Bulletin, **Nathalie Tomada** of Freeman Cebu and **Cedelf Tupas** of Visayan Daily News for such a delightful Bacolod weekend. The sweetness of your company beats all the delicacies in Sugarland combined.

Mistaken identity?

The plot thickens in the Piolo-Sam-Lolit brouhaha. Could it have been a case of mistaken identity?

Model-turned-actor **James Uy** has a striking resemblance to **Sam Milby** and both of them are Amboys. Insiders insist that most likely, he was the one **Tita Lolit** spotted with **Piolo Pascual** in Sofitel.

Since James is a Star Magic talent (he's in "Lovespell"), Tita Lolit, who's from GMA, is probably not familiar with him. James happens to be a good friend of Piolo, just like Sam.

Bad shot

A lady fotog was banned from the ASAP '07 set last Sunday. She insisted on entering the premises without an ID and had a heated argument with the guard.

She claims that *"labas pasok siya sa* ABS" so no need for an ID. According to the show's makeup artist, the fotog made **Kim Chui** cry when she took shots of her while she was dressing up and then had the audacity to ask money from Kim in exchange for the pics.

Fotogs like that ought to be out of the picture for good.

Guess who

Guess who this young show biz couple is. Clue: The two are co-

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Iza in awe

Actress is amazed by Batanes, Taiwanese star Ken Zhu and the craft of acting

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photo courtesy of Ignite Media and Roger Robles

BASCO, BATANES—TRAVELING FROM Toronto to Batanes moved actress Iza Calzado to declare: "I love my job!"

She asserts that she is "thankful" for the experience of working on two "totally different" sets: the Hollywood thriller "The Echo" in Canada, and the local drama "Batanes" in the country's northernmost island-province.

"In Toronto, we worked in a studio. Here, we're surrounded by nature," she tells INQUIRER Entertainment on the beachside set of "Batanes."

She's "in awe" of the island and its people.

"We shot near a church and, when I looked up, the sky was bright with stars. I haven't experienced that kind of star-gazing in any of the beaches I've visited in the past. It was as if the stars were within reach."

When they traveled to neighboring Sabtang island, their flimsy boat was met with five-meter ocean waves.

"It makes you realize just how powerful nature is," she quips.

She'll make sure to recommend Batanes to her "Echo" co-stars Jesse Bradford, Amelia Warner, Carlos Leon and Kevin Durand.

"I feel honored that I get to share with foreigners how beautiful our country and people are," she explains. "It's so safe in Batanes. I jog every day on my own. Once, I even jogged at night."

She also got to tackle two divergent acting styles in the two movies.

While in "Echo," she pushed herself to the limit as a battered wife, she got to take it easy as a troubled widow in "Batanes."

"I like the pacing in this movie," she says. "It's very subtle. I'm not so keen on overly dramatic scenes. I prefer a simple, quiet acting style."

She gives credit to her "Batanes" directors Adolf Alix and Dave Hukom for guiding her every step of the way. "Adolf focuses on me. Dave is also very technical and discriminating."

She also got to work with world-famous leading men on the two films: Bradford in "Echo" and Taiwanese pop superstar Ken Zhu in "Batanes."

"My first realization is that in spite of our differences, in terms of race and culture, people are just the same. We are all just actors. It all boils down to how we work and how we treat people."

She says that Ken is a kidder.

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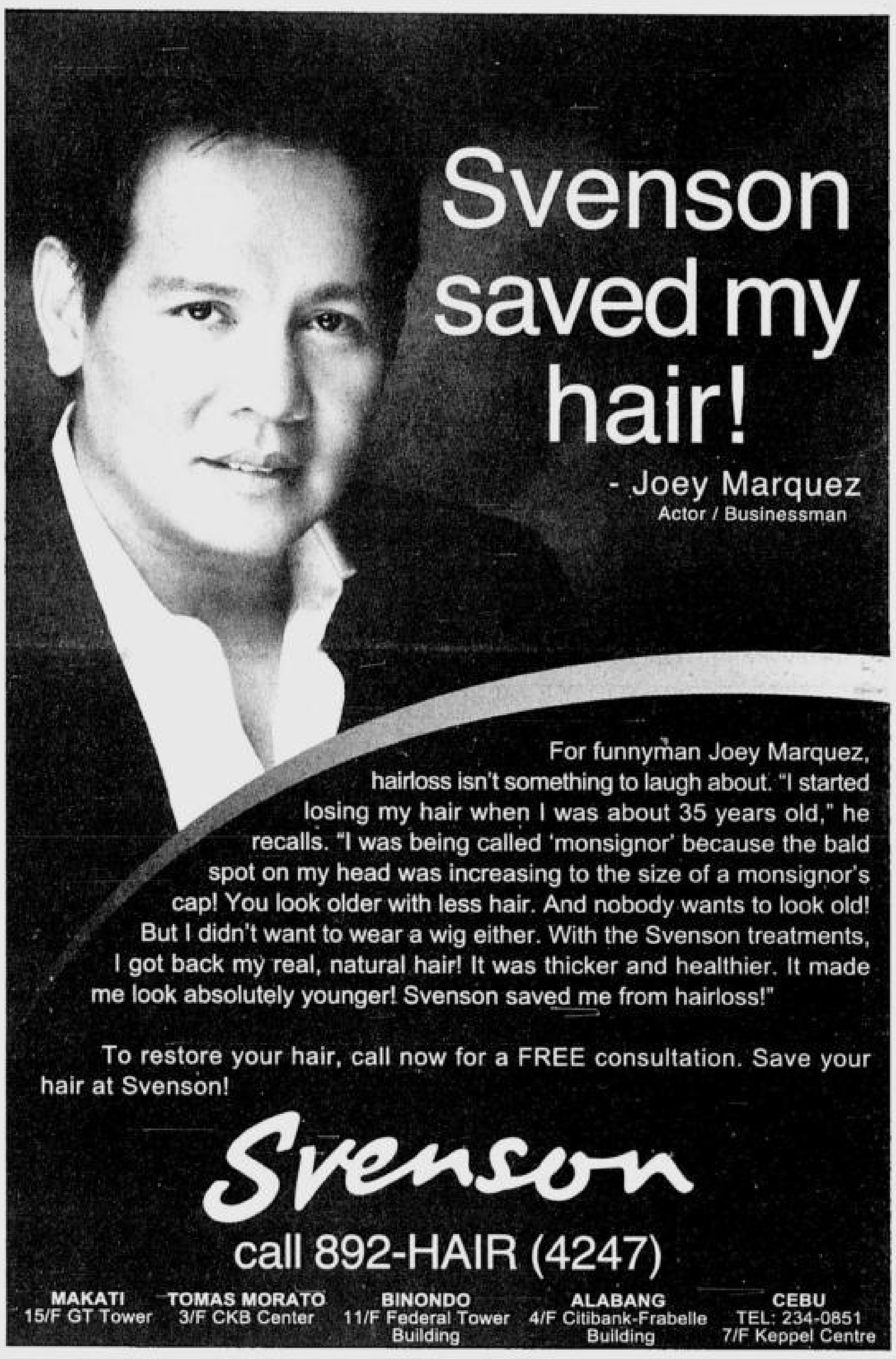

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For funnyman Joey Marquez, hairloss isn't something to laugh about. "I started losing my hair when I was about 35 years old," he recalls. "I was being called 'monsignor' because the bald spot on my head was increasing to the size of a monsignor's cap! You look older with less hair. And nobody wants to look old! But I didn't want to wear a wig either. With the Svenson treatments, I got back my real, natural hair! It was thicker and healthier. It made me look absolutely younger! Svenson saved me from hairloss!"

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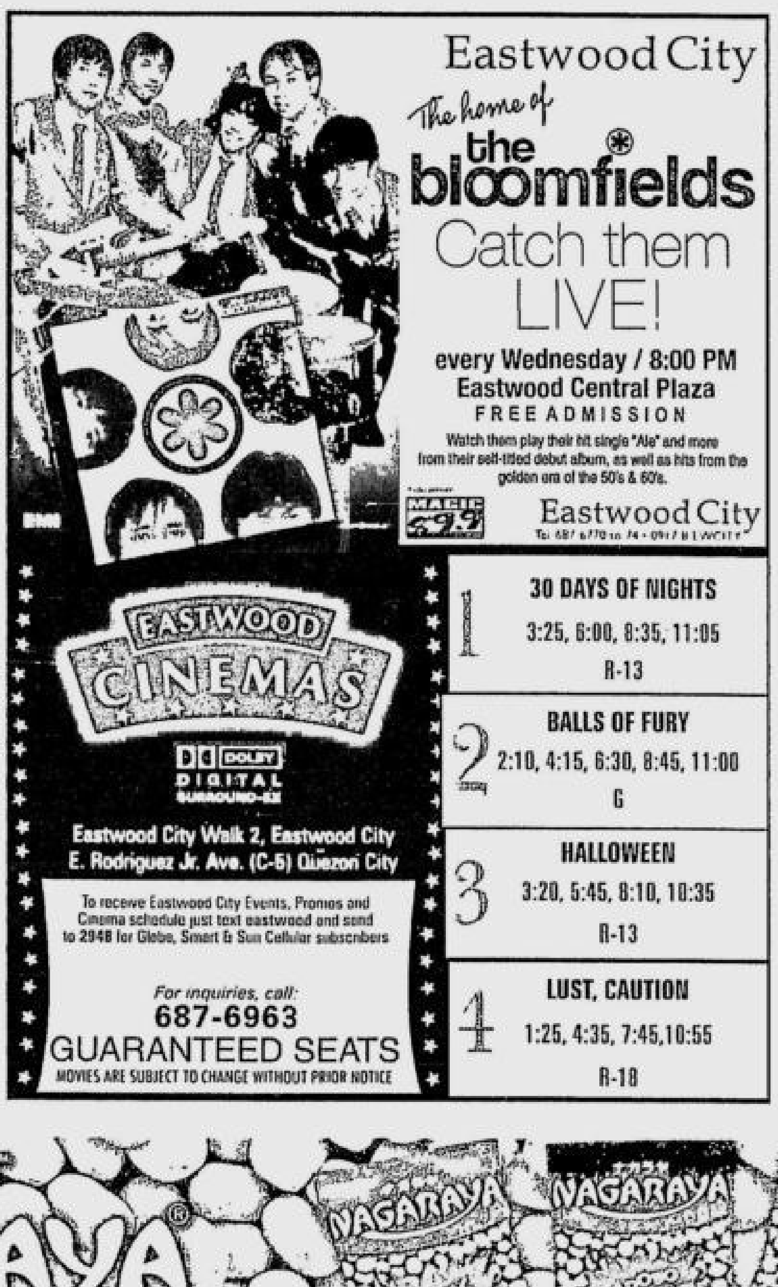

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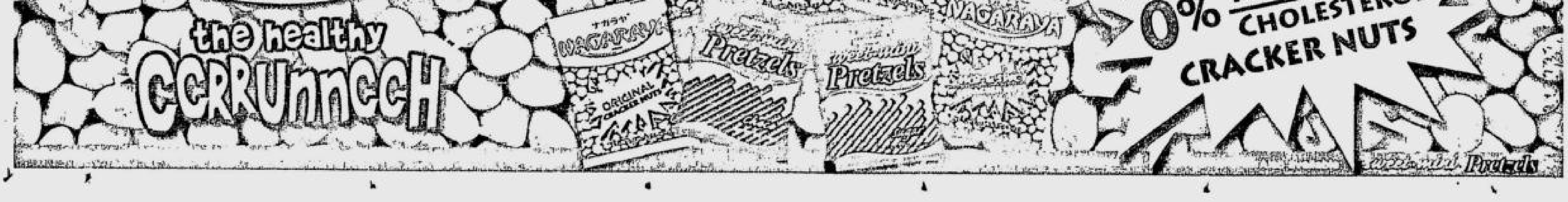

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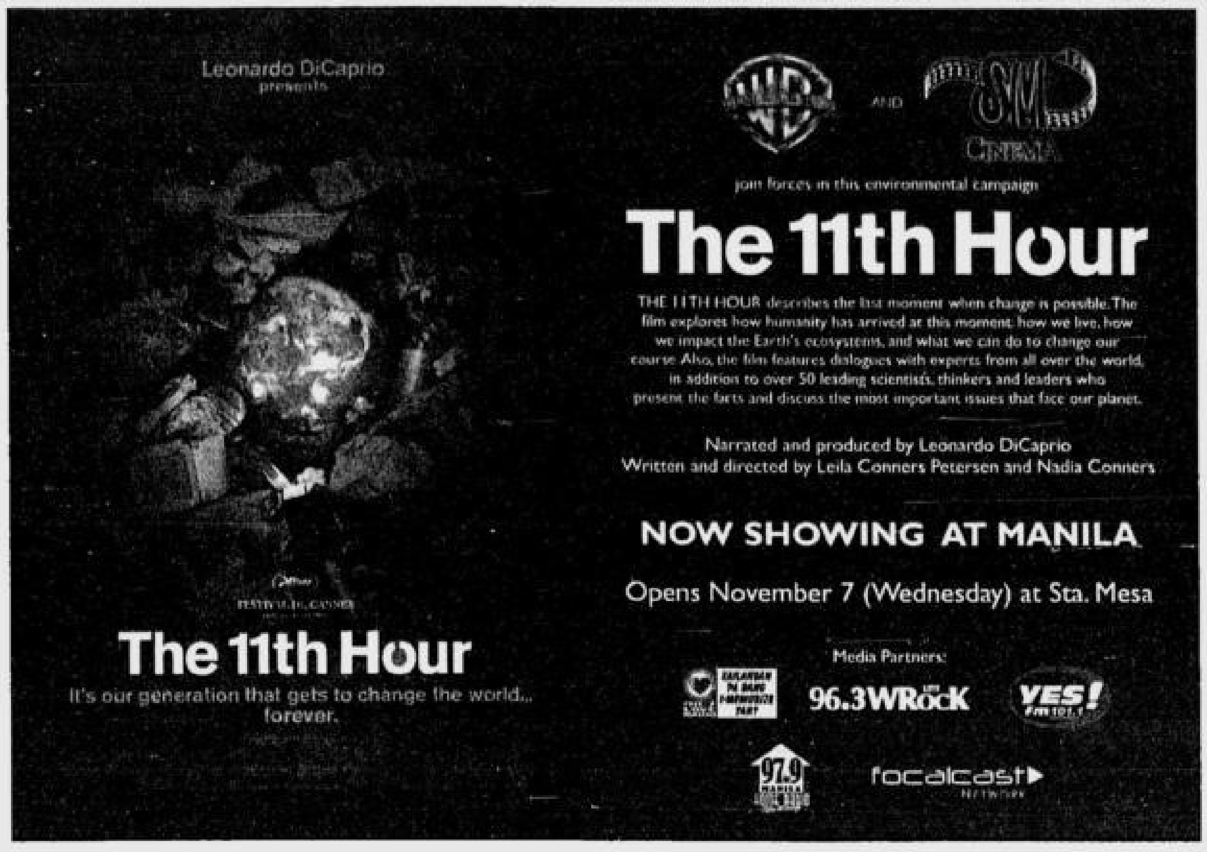
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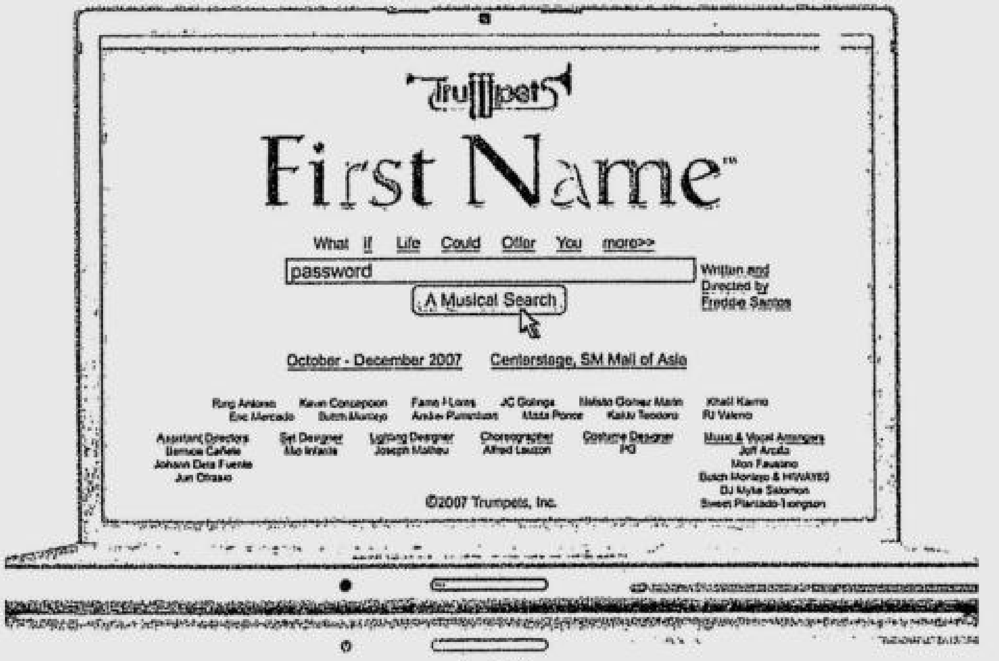

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Iza...

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"When we arrived from Sabtang, we were greeted by people carrying a cardboard sign: 'Miss Iza and company, we love you.'"

Iza was embarrassed. "It was as if I was more popular than Ken when, in fact, he is an Asian superstar. He kept teasing me about it."

"Iza's cool," Ken describes his co-star. "It's a pleasure working with her. We have a lot of fun on the set."

A tai chi world champion, Ken says that he's teaching Iza a few moves. "In this movie, I speak Mandarin; while she, in Filipino. So we mostly communicate through body language."

In that sense, tai chi helped them bridge the language gap.

"Luckily, Iza is a good actress. She's giving me a lot of support," Ken tells the INQUIRER.

"Tai chi is like a dance," she notes. "He says it helps him connect with co-stars."

Once, in the middle of a tai chi session, Ken complimented Iza: "He said that I have the gift. It meant so much to me because I see him not as an F4 guy, the star of 'Meteor Garden,' but as a tai chi world champion!" Iza exclaims.

MARIAN Rivera and Dingdong Dantes at the Masskara Weekend in Bacolod

Stars shine . . .

From page G1

stars in a *teleserye*.

A production member who squealed on them said, *"Grabe! Wala silang patawad!* When they are in heat, they would do it in the actor's van. *Natatawa na lang kami sa* set because we see the van shaking and when they come out, *minsan baliktad pa suot nila!"*

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Southwind is a new all-male band discovered by composer **Jimmy Antiporda**. Its members are **Daniel, Shan, Sam** and **Japhet**.

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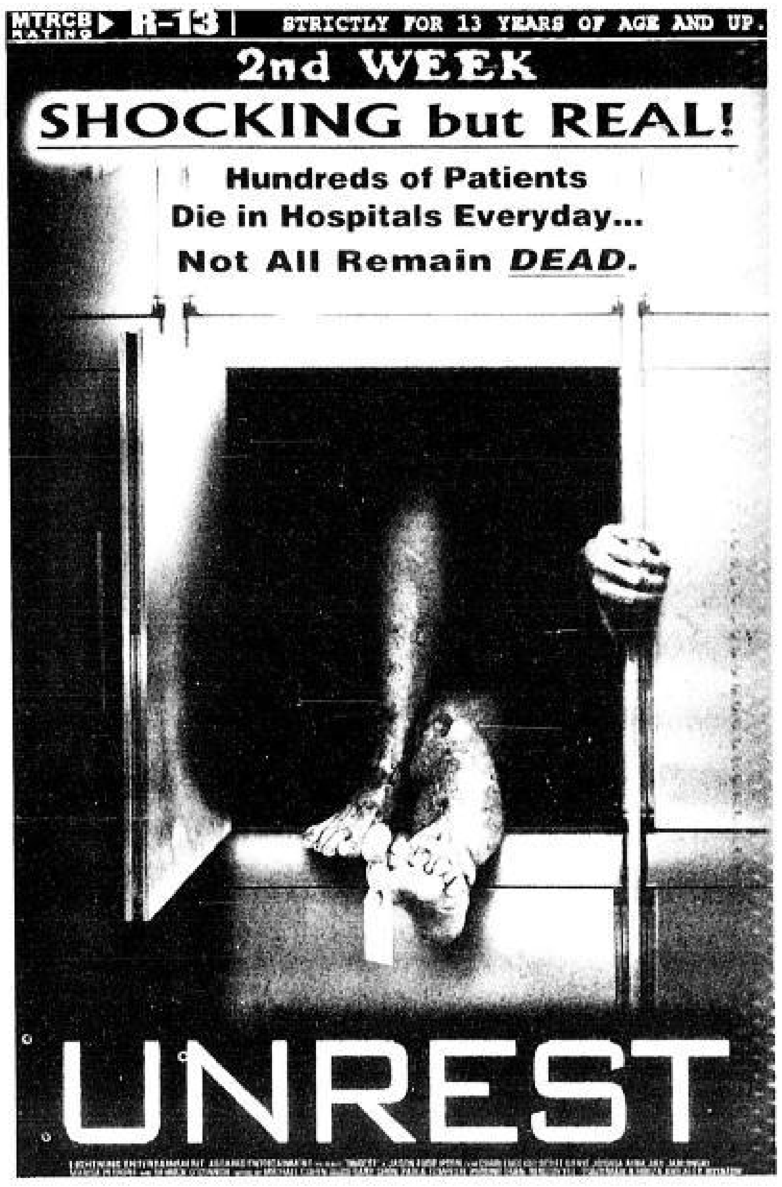

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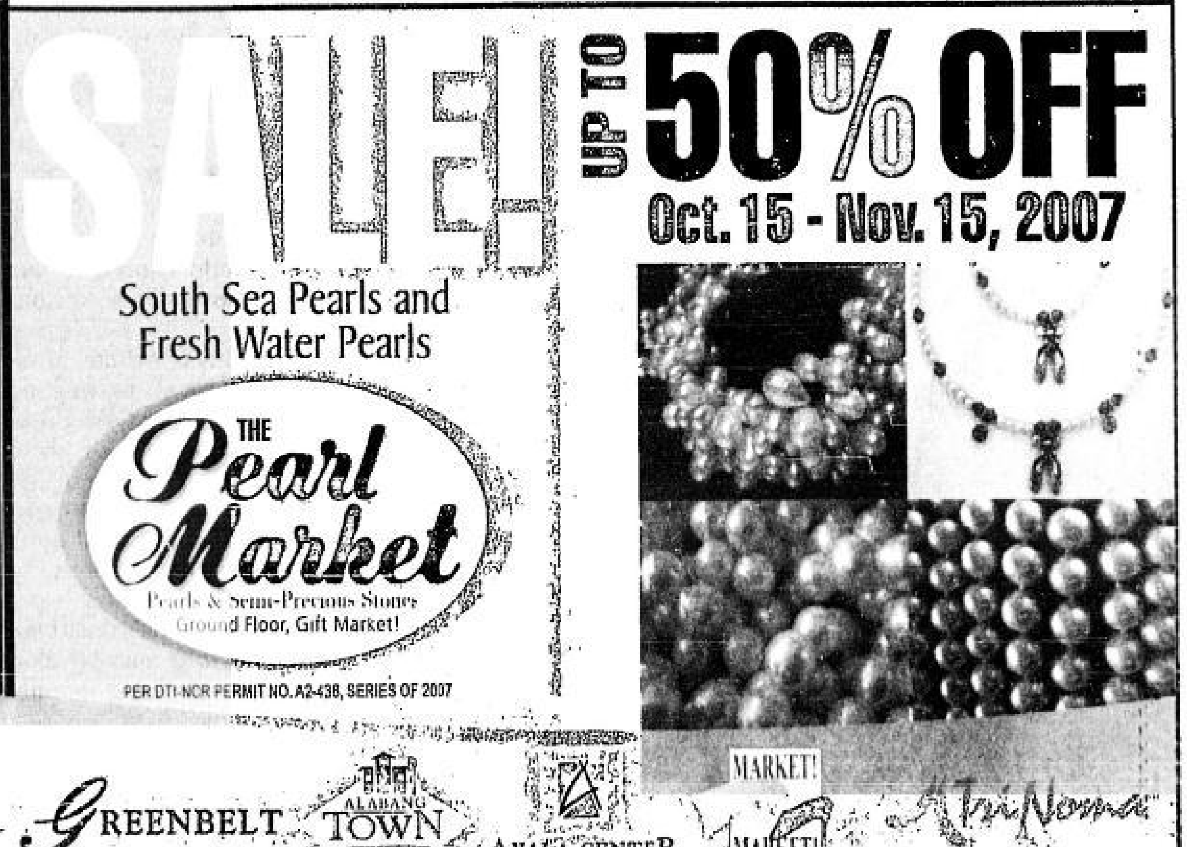

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ROME'S Castel Sant'Angelo, originally a mausoleum for Roman Emperor Hadrian, was also the setting for the third act of Puccini's "Tosca." For the Audrey Hepburn fan, the movie "Roman Holiday" had a scene with her on barges on the river below.

...annel For Every Tas...

THE BRITS are very participative, contrary to the snooty and conservative character they've been identified with. They don't mind doing silly stuff in the spirit of fun.

SWISS men like to dance onstage and boy, do they look funny! Check out You Tube, type Giselle Sanchez, then click on Switzerland show. A fan downloaded my performance and the Swiss men looked funnier than I was.

ITALIANS love beautiful, sexy women and won't mind if you're corny. Just wear a mini skirt or a revealing outfit, you're a hit!

The world in the eyes of Giselle

By Giselle Sanchez
Contributor

I'M GLAD TO HAVE BEEN TO Rome, Barcelona, Malaga, Paris, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Brussels, Pisa, Florence, the United Kingdom, Beijing, Hong Kong and Switzerland to entertain homesick Filipinos.

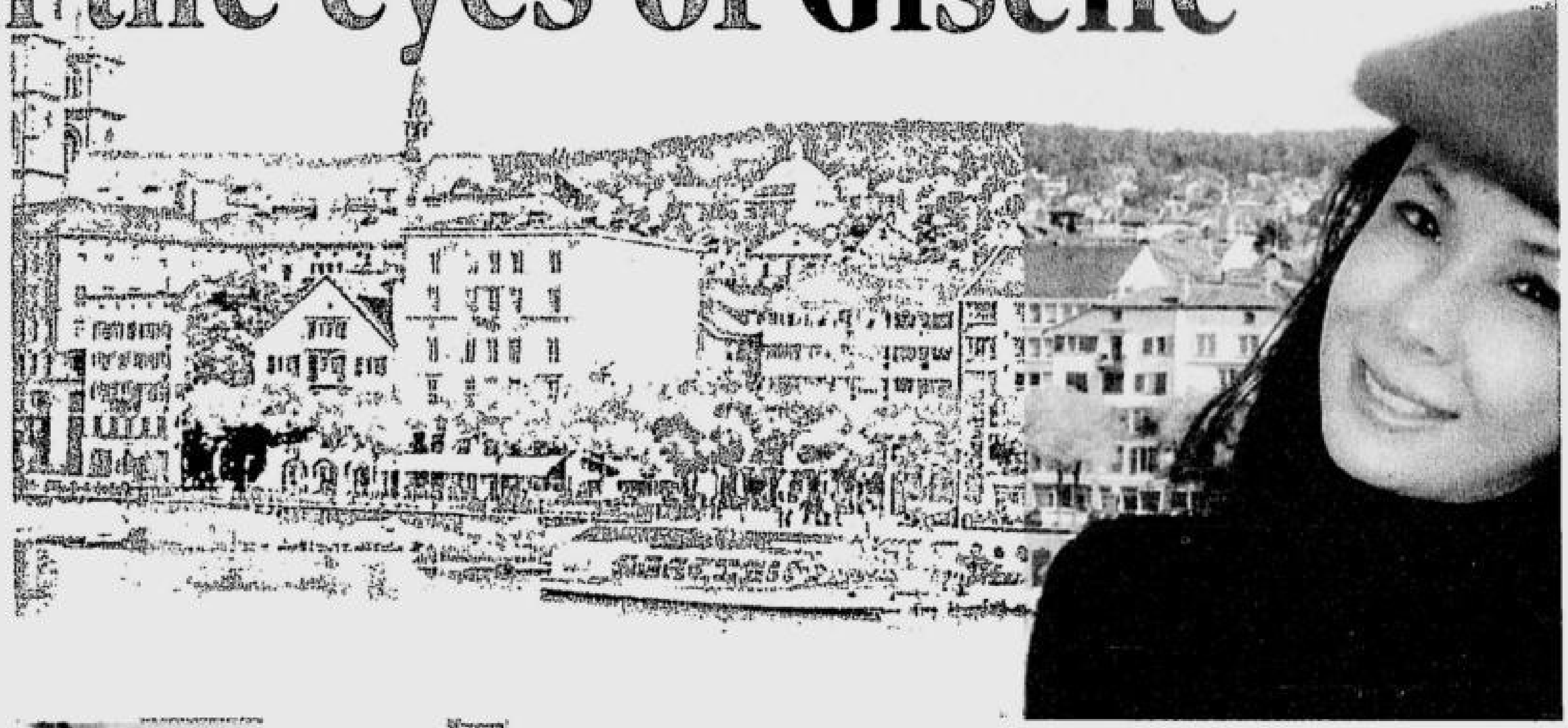
But let me tell you, it's no laughing matter.

It takes a lot of research and preparation, especially since it's usually a buy-one-take one affair—Pinoys bring with them their Italian boyfriends, Spanish wives, British and Swiss husbands and friends.

So how do I please an international crowd aside from doing my routine in English? I make a list of important aspects to be observed in my performance. Of course, this list was only written *after* my performance in that country. Oh boy! Experience is the best teacher indeed.

Performing in other countries is a piece of cake, for as long as you can sacrifice comic material for audience sensitivity, cultural and racial taboos, and religious conservatism.

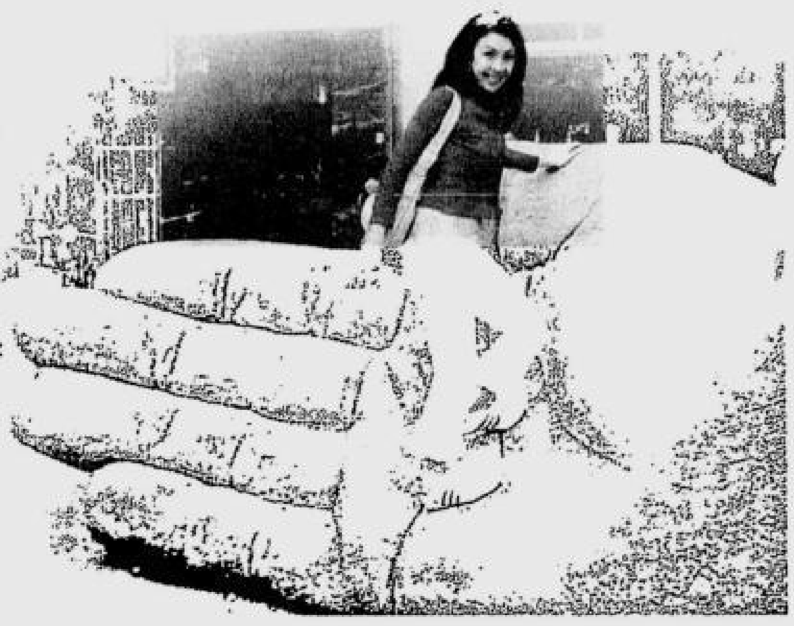
Here are some of my photos from my European adventure.



LIMMATSCHIFFS (boats) behind me on Lake Zurich. These vessels are flat enough to pass under the bridges of the Limmat river, which ends in the lake. The pointed tower is the Fraumunster church.

THE FAVORITE character I love portraying in another country is the Filipina damsel in distress. There will always be Filipinos ready to help out when you're alone. I experienced this when I took a train by myself to Tuscany and in the center of Italy, I found the city of Pisa. Just a few minutes of lounging in the station, I met some Filipinos who took me to the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

OUR POCKETS were not cut out for the life of the rich and famous. Nevertheless, my husband Emil and I had a great time in Amsterdam. Our trip there was composed of windmill sightseeing and a visit to the Van Gogh museum.



IN THE main shopping street of Antwerpen is the Hand of the Giant. Legend has it that a terrible giant, Druoon Antigoon, cut off the hands of sailors of the river Scheldt whenever they refuse to pay the toll. A Roman soldier, Silvus Brabo, killed the giant by cutting off its hand and throwing it away in the river. Hence, the name of the city Antwerpen: And meaning hand and werpen meaning to throw.

Robbie Tan's filmmaking legacy

By the Inquirer and Inquirer.net Entertainment Staff

IN A SURPRISING TURNaround, Robbie Tan, whose production outfit Seiko Films was previously identified with sex-oriented dramas and slapstick comedies, has signified his commitment to do more movies of a different kind.

"Foster Child," which he bankrolled for P8 million, has been winning awards and getting distribution rights in the international film fest circuit.

After a special screening of "Foster Child" at the INQUIRER offices, Tan was asked whether he would go all-out in supporting independent filmmaking.

His reply: "*Siguro. Kasi siyempre pag nag-ma-*mature *ka na*, you like to leave a legacy, *parang si* GMA. You have to think of certain films that will be more significant and will make a mark."

RUSHES

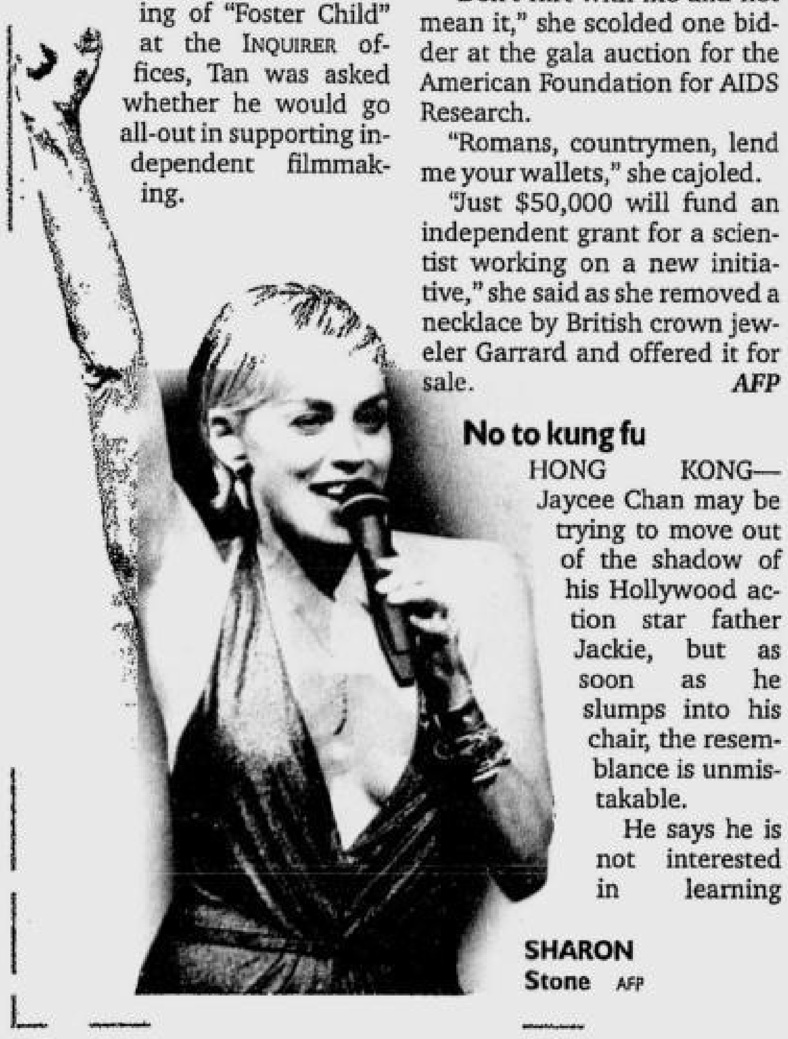
Don't flirt and not mean it

ROME—US actress Sharon Stone was in her element late Friday as she coaxed some 300,000 euros out of guests at a charity auction for AIDS research in Rome.

"Don't flirt with me and not mean it," she scolded one bidder at the gala auction for the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

"Romans, countrymen, lend me your wallets," she cajoled.

"Just $50,000 will fund an independent grant for a scientist working on a new initiative," she said as she removed a necklace by British crown jeweler Garrard and offered it for sale. *AFP*



SHARON Stone AFP

No to kung fu

HONG KONG—Jaycee Chan may be trying to move out of the shadow of his Hollywood action star father Jackie, but as soon as he slumps into his chair, the resemblance is unmistakable.

He says he is not interested in learning kung fu and only learned Thai boxing for self-defense, but the desire to be taken seriously is palpable. *AFP*

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Top of the Talk Shows

For those who missed last weekend's gabfests. (And why we are moved, if we are moved.)

Martin Jickain on rumors that estranged wife Aiko Melendez is dating Bulacan municipal vice mayor Patrick Meneses:

"*Ganoon?* Well, *mabuti para sa kanya.*"

Aiko on supposed constant date Patrick Meneses:

"*Sana lang huwag tayo mag-*speculate and give me a break... to have fun with my life."

Much ado about nothing

Sunshine Dizon on former boyfriend Polo Ravales' remark that he would choose to win her back above all his previous girlfriends:

"It's starting to irritate me already because all of you are telling me that he's telling this, he's saying this *pala*, or whatsoever. But then he's not approaching me *naman* with anything. So I'm confused. I don't know if this is just a gimmick or whatsoever."

Polo on Sunshine's reaction:

"*Wala namang malisya doon sa sinagot ko eh. Binigyan lang ako ng tanong—kung sino raw sa kanila ang babalikan ko. Ayoko pa ngang sagutin nung una yan eh. Sabi ko, ayoko na...*Actually, *unang-una wala akong gustong balikan sa mga* ex *ko eh. Hindi ko tuloy alam kung bakit siya nag-*re-react in a negative way."

About art and the universe

Snooky on her rift with Ai-Ai delas Alas after saying the latter is the "most plastic" person in show biz:

"I talked to one of her closest friends and explained how it happened, why I said that, and I was telling *pa nga* her friend that I'm sorry. I'm quite sorry *kasi* sometimes I can be too honest for my own good. Now I've learned my lesson. *Sabi ko nga, siguro* sometimes you know I have to humble myself again. There are still things that I have to refine... I've learned the art of less talk, less mistakes."

YASMIEN Kurdi

Ai-Ai on Snooky's claims:

"Let's love the universe. *Seryosohin mo ba yon... Dapat hindi mo papatulan yung ganoon.*"

Yasmien Kurdi on her requisites before marching down the aisle:

"*Dapat maayos muna ang lahat bago ikasal. Yung* stable *ba. Hindi ikaw yung bibili nung bahay kundi yung lalaki, kasi obligasyon niya yon. Kaya ka niyang buhayin. At yung mga pera mo, yun ang pang-shopping sa sarili mo. So dapat ganoon na muna.*" (*Ganuuun?*)

Marian Rivera reacting to reports that even her "Marimar" co-actors were starting intrigues against her:

"*Alam ko po na marami talagang darating na intriga sa akin, so ang ano ko lang po, maging matatag ako. Kilala ko yung sarili ko. Importante po sa akin yung mga taong mahal ako.*"

Lolit apologizes

Lolit Solis on Sam Milby's demand for an apology and retraction over an item she wrote, claiming that Sam and fellow actor Piolo Pascual had a sweet moment together at a hotel lobby:

SNOOKY Serna
JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

"*Yung* apology *siguro madali. Dahil kung nasaktan sila, nagkaroon ng kung ano-anong balita, malisya na naano sa kinuwento ko. Kung dun dahil sa kinuwento ko, nagkaroon sila ng* sleepless nights, *okey sa akin.* Sorry, I apologize. Pero, retraction, I will never do that. *Kasi kung ano ang nakita ko, yun lang talaga ang sinabi ko. Ang pagkakamali ko nga lang, bakit kinuwento ko pa yung nakita ko at nalagyan ng malisya.*"

Lolit on Sam's threat of court action:

"May lawyers *sila, may* lawyers *din naman ako eh. Ibig kong sabihin, hindi ko ipaglalaban ang isang bagay na alam kong hindi ko kayang labanan. Kung hindi ko sila nakita ng sarili kong mata, hindi ako magkakaroon ng ganitong lakas ng loob pero dahil ako mismo ang nakakita, malakas ang loob ko.*"

"*Yung nai-kwento ko, hindi ko akalain na magiging ganoong kalaki ang reaksyon na magkakaroon ng malisya. Lalagyan ng malisya ng ibang tao. Hindi ko akalain na dahil sa malisyang yon, sasakit ang loob ni* Sam *at ni* Piolo."

Star Magic's reaction to Lolit's article:

"*Tinatanong ng* Star Magic *ang publiko at sila na daw ang bahalang humusga. Sino nga ba ang nagpalaki ng isyung ito? Ito ba ay isang* demolition job *para sirain ang mga stars ng* Star Magic *na ang tanging interes lamang ay mag-*entertain? *Sino nga ba ang nakikinabang sa kasinungalingang ito? Mananatili na lang bang tahimik ang* Star Magic *habang may mga taong sumisira sa mga artistang kanilang pino-protektahan?*

Danita vs Daisy

Danita Paner on the reason behind her leaving her mom Daisy Romualdez:

"*Di ko lang talaga kaya lahat ng nangyayari sa loob ng bahay.* Verbal abuse talaga. *Impiyerno. Sobrang impiyerno.*"

Daisy's reaction:

"*Siya ang may diperensiya, hindi ako... Pag sinabi niyang, 'Ma, aalis ako.' Kaagad, payag ako. Kung anong oras gusto niyang umuwi, uuwi siya na walang sita-sita, ni wala akong tawag sa* cell phone. *Tama ba yang ginagawa mo? Huwag kang magmalaking* 18 years old *ka na. Walang pwedeng makialam sayo. Akin ka,* legally.

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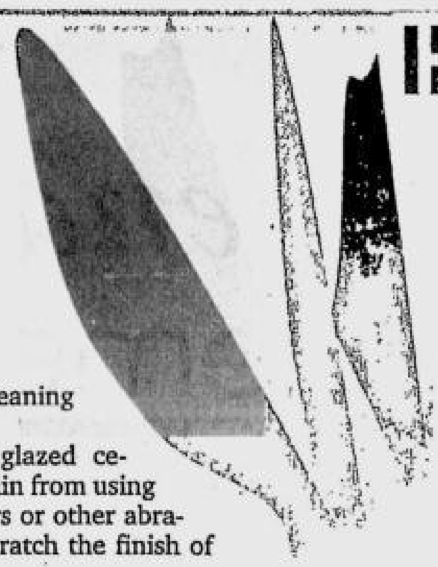

Maintenance, aesthetics from a 30-year veteran

WILCON BUILDERS DEPOT AND SUPPLY Inc, which celebrates its 30th year of providing Filipino builders a one-stop shop of complete quality home building materials-from ceramic tiles to appliances and furniture, shares valuable home maintenance and improvement tips for the everyday Pinoy homeowner.

Ceramic tiles can bring quality, value and beauty to any room of your home. While they may come in durable forms, they need regular care to provide lasting performance and visual appeal, especially when they are in heavy traffic areas of your home.

Did you know that all you need do to maintain the longevity of your tiles is simply to use water and a simple detergent in cleaning them?

For cleaning glazed ceramic tiles: Refrain from using scouring powders or other abrasives that can scratch the finish of your tiles.

Vacuum regularly to remove dirt and gritty particles, followed by a mop or a sponge dampened with a household cleaner.

For unglazed tiles: Clean unglazed-tile walls and floors in a similar manner. However, dampen mop or sponge with a solution of water and "soapless detergent".

Granite tiles or stones: Granite tiles and slabs are a stylish and practical choice for your home. Due to their hardness, versatility and their resistance to heat and other

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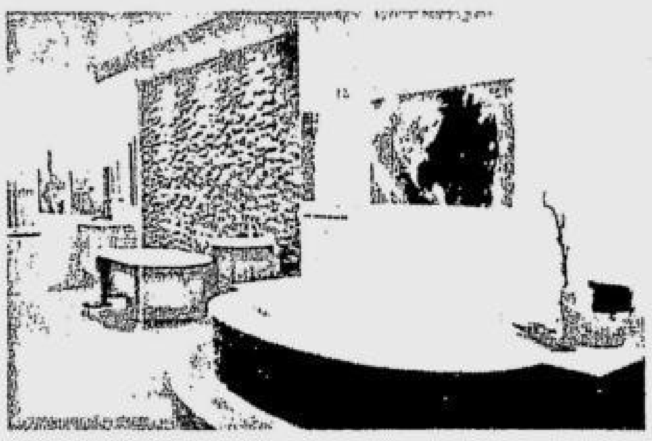


Samsung launches new H-series refrigerator

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD, THE world leader in advanced technology solutions, announced the launch of its long-awaited H-series refrigerator that combines a stylish look and feel with leading-edge technology.

Powered by some of the most advanced refrigeration technology and full of amazingly convenient features, the Samsung refrigerator H-series performs as beautifully as it looks.

Make the most of your time in the kitchen, whether you're cooking or just enjoying your family's new favorite room. Available in a range of stylish finishes and with useful features like the easy handle, the Samsung refrigerator H-series is designed to make your food fresher and life easier. Choose the model and features that best match your needs.

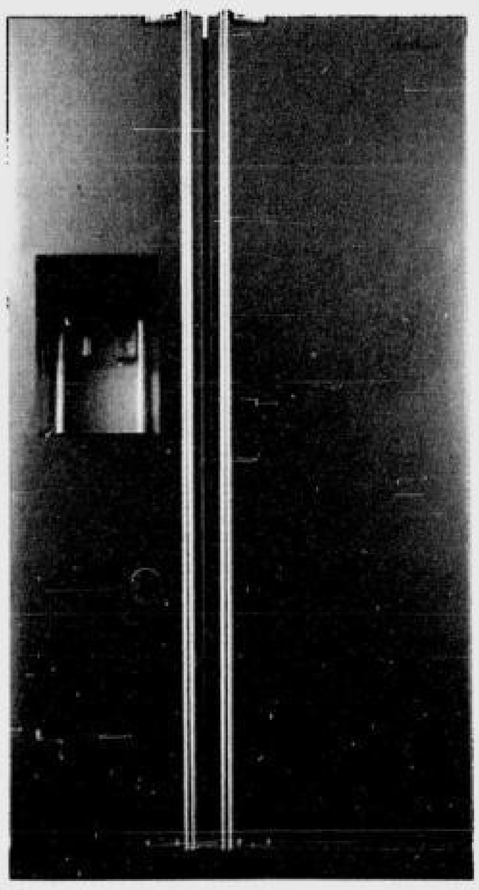
The H-Series features Samsung's exclusive Twin Cooling System technology, allowing the different freezer and refrigerator compartments to be controlled and cooled independently, as well as preventing the mixing of odors between the two compartments. By offering this temperature control flexibility consumers can also keep different food fresher longer.

The Samsung Refrigerator H-Series makes a bold statement in any kitchen with a seamless exterior design that comprises a flawlessly flush flat door with hidden hinges and the sophisticated design of a built-in LED digital display unit, making it the first on the market to become a truly built-in side-by-side refrigerator.

Functionality plays a large part in the H-Series with a range of features designed to give the consumer all they need from the freshest food to convenient storage. An ice cube and crusher dispenser keeps those drinks cool in the hot summer months, whilst the in-built water filter provides the purest water as if straight from a mountain spring.

Food storage also plays an important part in the design of the H-Series, with a large box storage creating functional space for those awkwardly shaped items. Frozen foods also get the special treatment with Samsung's exclusive Cool Select feature, instantly freezing frozen goods.

The H Series is comprised of RSH1NEMH with Digital Display Door and RSH1DEMH with water and ice dispenser. These two stunning masterpieces are now available at your favorite appliance shops.



Coolever Zone
as fresh as nature

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Such freshness, you could very well be consuming your food straight from the source. Special perfect-fit design in the Coolever Zone eliminates gaps, maintaining optimal freshness in by locking in the humidity. The entire container is cooled from the outside, preventing direct contact with harsh temperatures that could damage and wither the vegetables contained. What's more, the Silver Nano Deodoriser filters odour particles, breaking them down to keep your fridge smelling clean always It's the little fresh ideas that make a big difference. With Samsung's new fridges, it's not that hard to imagine. *www.samsung.com/ph*

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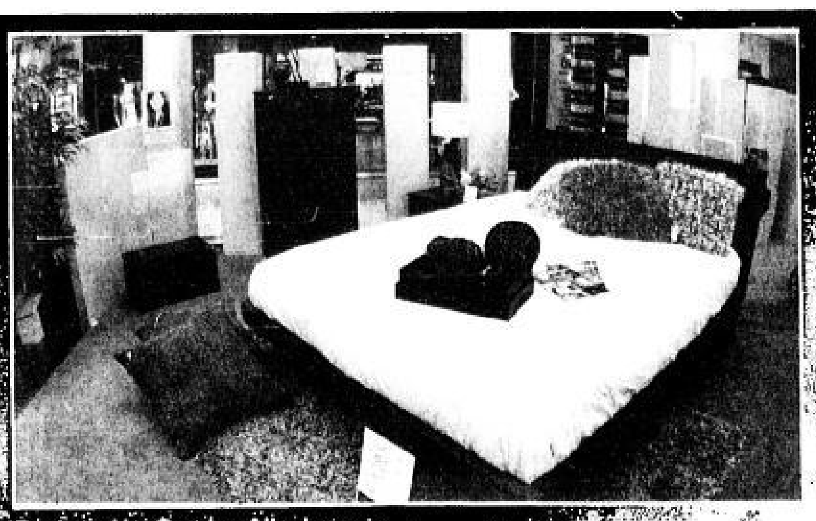
Splendor of Elements

BLIMS FINE FURNITURE, THE FORERUNNER IN ONE-stop furniture shopping and one of the biggest furniture chains in the Philippines together with the Philippine Institute of Interior Designers (PIID), an organization advocating the status and practice of professional interior designers, have successfully opened the grand furniture and lifestyle showcase entitled "Elements" recently at Glorietta 3 in Ayala Mall.

The material, color, pattern and movement embodied the theme of Elements. Among the talented interior designers of PIID were Leo Almeria, Lot Hilvano, Gino Lim and Czarina Allanigue who transformed the spaces into design masterpieces consisting fine qualities of wood, leather, glass and metal. Designer curator, Marcelo Alonzo of PIID gives high regard to the opportunity given to their organization to showcase talent and ingenuity. "We would like to thank Blims for the partnership and also for supporting us in professionalizing the interior design industry..."

Whether it's a set for living space or furnishings for the corporate office, Elements provided a splash of creativity, intricate attention to detail, and unique craftsmanship for the interest of everyone who mingled in the exhibit. Continuing the mission of uplifting the living standard of Filipinos, Blims furniture once again offered new additions that perfectly fit to an excellent lifestyle.



Designed by Czarina Allanigue

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5 years of style and elegance

FURNITALIA, THE COUNTRY'S EXCLUSIVE distributor of Italy's premier home and office furniture brands, celebrates five years of elegance this year.

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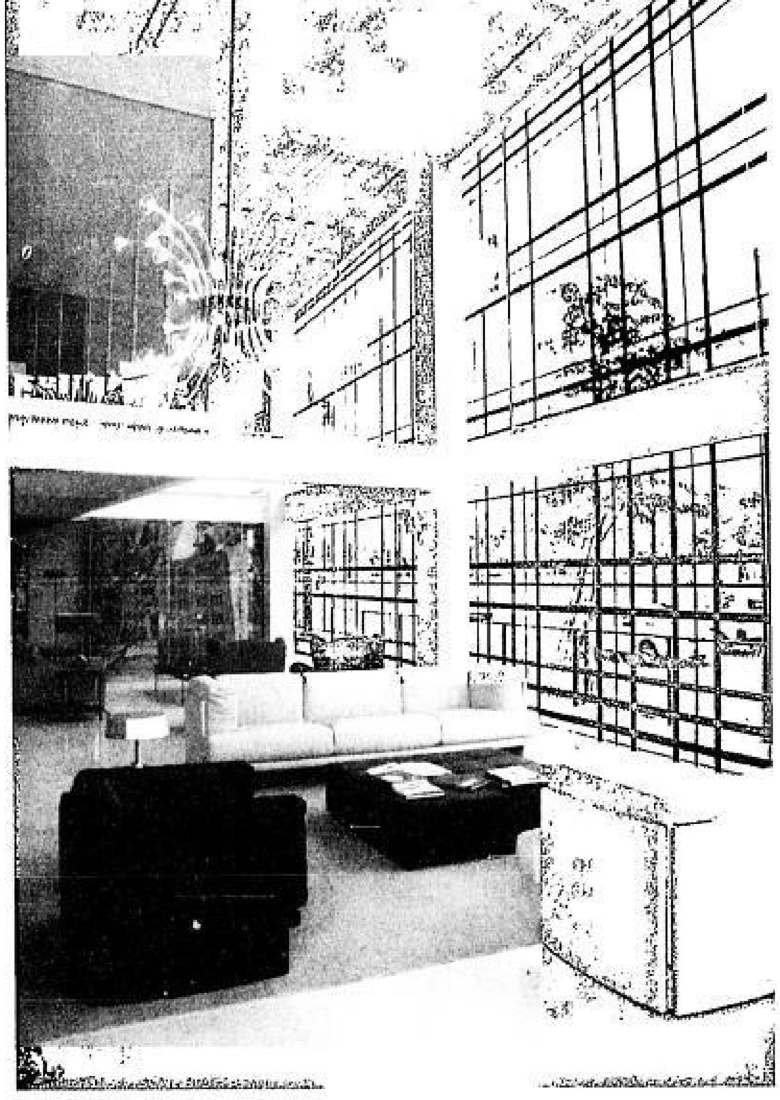
Visit the FURNitalia showroom at 30th Street corner Rizal Drive, Crescent Park, West Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig City or call 819-1887.



FURNitalia's luxurious interiors showcase the finest Italian furniture in the market.

LG ELECTRONICS JOINS WORLD FOOD EXPO 2007

LG Electronics was one of the presenters in the World Food Expo 2007, one of the biggest food expos in the country, held recently at the World Trade Center. LG Electronics presented its latest state-of-the-art refrigerators GR-B207TLC and GR-G602JLC, which boast of eco-friendly, health-promoting features. LG Electronics is also the first brand to adopt the linear compressor in its refrigerators, which provides more energy-efficient cooling than other refrigerators using traditional cooling technologies. The new refrigerator models feature elegant, ergonomic designs for easier use and luxurious aluminum handles. LG Electronics is a global leader and technology innovator in consumer electronics, home appliances, and mobile communications. Present during the Wofex event were LG Electronics marketing communications and PR manager Lalaine Reyes (left), Nancy Reyes-Lumen, editor-in-chief of Cook Magazine, and LG Electronics product officer Malou Martinquilla.

HCG's 'touch free' bathroom

A TOUCH FREE BATHROOM, MOST OF US think is only for the physically challenged individual. But as we go more modern these days, a touch free bathroom matches every need of an individual. People nowadays are getting more health conscious; they want their homes to be clean specially their bathroom. Parents make sure every corner of their home safer and cleaner for their children. Young and old really enjoy using a clean bathroom.

As the leading manufacturer of bathroom fixtures, HCG is very particular with these concerns of parents and every individual. HCG introduces its water closet sensor, AF101. HCG AF101 is easy to install, not needing special tools because construction and wire connection is not required, applicable to most tank type water closets. This new sensor also has an adjustable flush volume for different requirements of the user which guarantees water conservation. Use AF101 for a more hygienic, touch free and enjoyable use of your bathroom. For more information and product specifications, log on to www.hcg.com.ph.

ELECTROLUX PRESS CLUB LAUNCHED

Electrolux recently launched its press club at Café Ysabel for media friends from broadsheets and food magazines. Invitees were given an exclusive peek into Electrolux's latest product happenings, details regarding its club membership and an introduction to its first newsletter. Electrolux's general manager Thomas Hong graced the event and shared some of the company's insights on today's heart of every home-the modern kitchen. Throughout the special luncheon chef extraordinaire Gene Gonzales whipped up world-class dishes for the media using the innovative and thoughtful kitchen designs of Electrolux. As each recipe was showcased, chef Gene expressed his thoughts on the performance of the brand; which clearly withstood the menus' lineup of light and heavy-duty cooking. Shown are, from left, Electrolux product marketing manager Terry Sales, Electrolux marketing manager Dexter Ngo, Electrolux marketing communications assistant Jarmaine Borja, Nancy Harel, Desiree Ching, chef Gene Gonzales and Electrolux general manager Thomas Hong.

Maintenance, aesthetics . . .

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forms of stress, the choice of granite tiles for your home is a great investment and one that should give you a tremendous pride of ownership.

Stone-cold gorgeous

Did you know that the natural production of granite takes millions of years? For lasting durability and stone-cold gorgeous design, granite may be the best idea for your home.

Consider the area where you intend to install your granite tiles. Make sure that factors such as moisture levels, foot traffic, and slip resistance are carefully considered.

Expect color variations in your batch of granite tile. Remember, granite is a natural material. Use these natural color variations found in your batch to your advantage. Get as creative with your layout as you can.

Lay out all of your granite tiles in a dry run before applying mortar or other chosen adhesive agents.

Here are some don'ts: Don't install granite tiles on an uneven, dirty or wet subfloor. Don't leave spills to sit on your granite tile flooring or countertops. Don't allow dirt and grit to remain on the surface of your granite tiles. These elements can affect the finish over time and take away from the natural beauty of granite. Don't use acid-based cleaners or other agents on your granite tiles. Don't use scouring powders, steel wool, or other abrasive materials to remove stains from your granite tiles.

Toilet leaks

Did you know that many toilets leak without any obvious indications of trouble? Here are some signs of a leaking toilet:

- If you have to jiggle the handle to make a toilet stop running.
- If there are sounds coming from a toilet unit even when it is not being used.
- If you have to hold the handle down to allow the tank to empty. It's either that the chain strap is too long and doesn't fit the flapper or ball high enough for it to float on its own.

Wood TLC

With just a little TLC, genuine hardwood furniture will last a lifetime-several lifetimes, in fact. Consider grandfather's roll-top desk, a valued treasure passed on from generation to generation. Taking good care of your solid hardwood furniture ensures its longevity. It's easy and largely a matter of common sense.

Did you know that it's surprisingly simple to protect and enhance hardwood's natural beauty? All that's needed is some tender, loving care. Here are a few tips:

Read the manufacturer's care directions for wood furniture carefully and keep them handy for future reference.

Hardwood furniture surfaces also can be cleaned with a mild non-alkaline soap and water. Use the suds on a damp sponge or cloth, but be sure to pretest the solution on an out-of-sight-section to make sure it doesn't damage the finish. Dry immediately with a soft cloth and buff lightly, following the grain.

Hardwood finishes benefit from an occasional waxing or polishing. A paste wax can be applied every six to 12 months. Remove old wax first with a mild non-alkaline soap and water solution.

Avoid waxing urethane-finished furniture. Waxing these surfaces causes them to gather dust and dirt rather than repel it.

From hardware store to builders' depot

Occupying several thousand square meters of floor space and housing several thousands more of top-notch brands on rows upon rows of metal racks and bays. A play area for kids and a coffee shop for customers wanting to take a break. Fully air-conditioned, with piped-in music to boot. These are just a few of the many reasons that make a customer's shopping experience at Wilcon Builders' Depot truly pleasurable.

Such features make Wilcon Builders' Depot a superstore in this age of harried lifestyles. It's the same reason why Wilcon considers building its depots its biggest achievement in all its 30 years.

Since the opening of the first depot in 2003, it have managed to revolutionize the way people in this country-from homeowners to construction professionals-procure home building materials. According to EVP chief operating officer Rose Ong, it has introduced "lifestyle shopping" to the home improvement industry. Convenient shopping and the biggest selection of home improvement products, from tiles and whirlpools to appliance and furniture, truly make Wilcon Builders' Depot a household name.

In a short span of four years, Wilcon has built six depots all over the metro, and one in Davao. These, on top of the original seven supply stores, abide by one simple mission: to make customers satisfied and happy with whatever they purchase at Wilcon.

Build. Create. Innovate.

After being an industry leader for almost three decades since 1977, Wilcon Builders' reinvents itself with its latest evolution: The Depot. Its very first depot store opened in 2003 at a busy location along the Alabang-Zapote road. This one-stop shop was envisioned to be a store for all types of consumers, be they architects, contractors, or homeowners. Its wide range of products caters to different market niches, all the while maintaining its stand on selling quality products to suit the customer's budget.

Though Wilcon is known for its wide selection of quality tiles, its shift to the depot-type store has also expanded its do-it-yourself line with more items offering the customer more variety and choice to suit all types of needs.

MAINTENANCE/ H4

Widescreen monitors are taking over!

THIS IS GREAT NEWS FOR MOVIE ADDICTS, workaholics and gamers as ViewSonic, the leader in visual technology and currently the leading brand in the United States, launches its latest 19-inch widescreen LCD product line to provide the ultimate convenience and viewing pleasure.

With this comprehensive 19-inch widescreen product line, oft-use programs may now be viewed side by side, spreadsheets and blueprints become fully visible, photos and digital art get exquisite detail, and PC users now have more room for as many toolbars as they want. Moreover, DVD-holics and gamers now also get to enjoy the ultimate in movie and gaming experience.

Who said a 19-inch widescreen LCD monitor has to cost like gold? ViewSonic proves them wrong with the latest VA1912w and VA1912wb widescreen LCD monitor models. Ideal for both business and private uses, these monitors are attractively priced widescreen LCDs that offer users extra screen space for enhanced productivity, flexibility and viewing pleasure.

These ViewSonic monitors are also capable of multiple document windows or playback of HD-quality movies in their original aspect ratios, combining optimal performance with an elegant and timeless silver-black design.

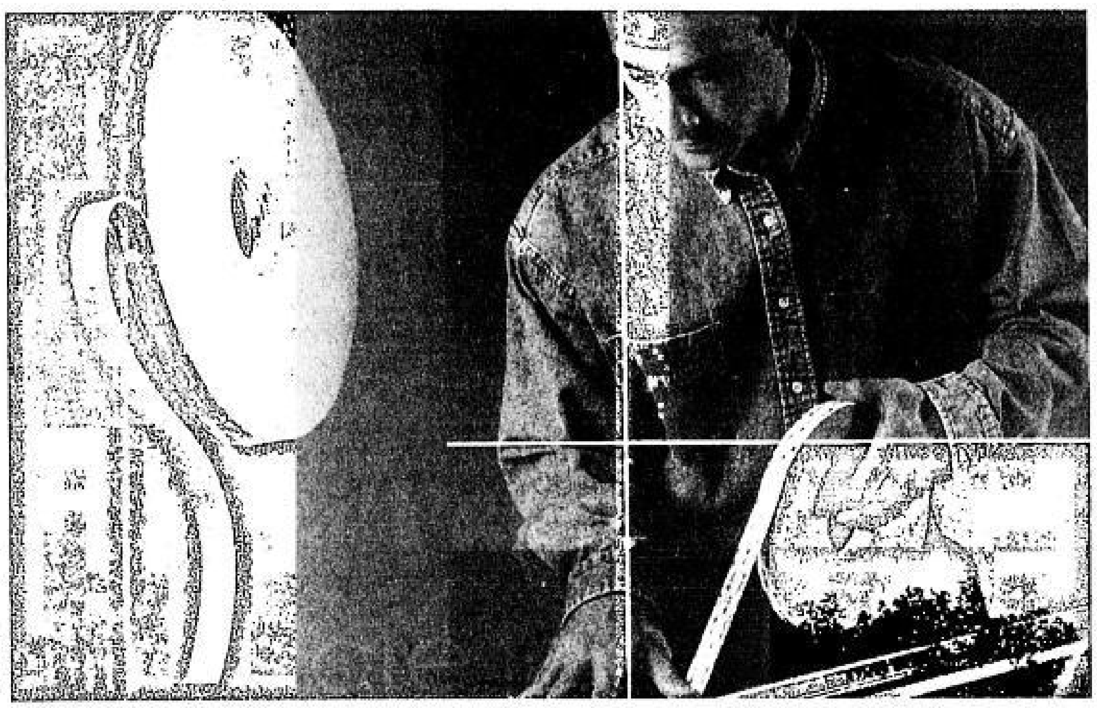
As if it weren't enough, there's also ViewSonic's VX1932wm that is perfect for gamers since it supports HDCP and comes certified with the Vista premium logo. It also offers the latest Dynamic Contrast Ratio (DCR) technology, which increases the contrast ratio by up to 2000:1 to provide for more range of color saturation, and increase the reality of image performance.

To accompany first-class depictions with its whopping visual features and to deliver only the best sound quality, these new 19" widescreen LCDs integrate stereo speakers in the stylish and slim silver bezel so settings may comfortably be adjusted via clearly structured on-screen menus. To prevent unauthorized changes to monitor settings and to ensure that the displays won't be turned off accidentally, it also has a lock function for the OSD and the power switch.

In leading the market's transition towards 19-inch widescreen LCDs, ViewSonic's full range of 19" LCD monitors offer value, making it possible for consumers and professionals to extend their desktop LCD investment for gaming, video and simplified viewing of multiple documents, simultaneously.

For pricing and other information, call Innovista Technologies at 723-4273. More information about ViewSonic are also available at www.viewsonic.com.

3M launches high-performance adhesive



3M INTRODUCES TO THE PHILIPPINES a globally trusted technology in the construction industry-the VHB Structural Glazing Tape. Architects and contractors can now experience increased productivity, design flexibility, and durability all in one process.

The 3M VHB Structural Glazing Tape utilizes high-performance adhesives that have "very high bond" strength and reliable long-term holding power. It is specifically recommended for glass building exteriors, whether low or high-rise, replacing commonly used structural silicone sealants, gaskets or mechanical fasteners. Imagine the speed in finishing projects because of no curing time, no liquid mess and less wastage.

Invited foreign speaker Ken Go, 3M Asia Pacific technical engineer, further reinforced how this product has proven its efficiency and reliability through a seminar backed up by technical bulletins and existing applications in various countries. Interested local fabricators were also shown pictures and designs of some of these actual building projects.

For more than 20 years, engineers from Australia to Brazil, the United States to the United Arab Emirates, and Asian regions such as Singapore and India, have all been specifying 3M VHB tapes to permanently bond and seal many surfaces in commercial construction. For faster, reliable glass glazing technology, build it with 3M VHB Structural Glazing Tape.

For more information, log on to www.3M.com/vhb/structuralglazing.

Whirlpool appliance sale launched

EXATECH INC, PHILIPPINE DISTRIBUTOR of Whirlpool home and kitchen appliances, has officially launched its Whirlpool appliance sale to give customers an opportunity to avail of the company's high-quality products.

The Whirlpool appliance sale is conveniently located at the second and third floors of the new Exatech head office at 56 Cordillera Street corner F. Rodriguez Sr. street in Quezon City.

Customers can avail of as much as 50-percent discount on Whirlpool appliances including washing machines, refrigerators, and electric fans, among others.

According to Exatech marketing manager Joy Catiis, "What's great about the Whirlpool appliance sale is that the items are on discounted prices everyday, unlike other stores that go on sale on a limited time frame. Also, customers can expect the best possible deals, prices, and customer service in the Whirlpool sale."

"Moreover, Whirlpool customers are assured that they will be provided the best after-sales service possible, regardless of the product purchased. The Whirlpool brand is associated with customer satisfaction. We intend to extend that high level of service to all our customers and buyers," Catiis added.

Whirlpool appliances are known worldwide for their high quality, state-of-the-art technology, performance, durability, design, and ease of use. The products are available in a wide variety of models, price ranges, and designs.

For more information on the Whirlpool warehouse sale and available Whirlpool products, interested customers may contact Exatech Inc at (632)712-0535.

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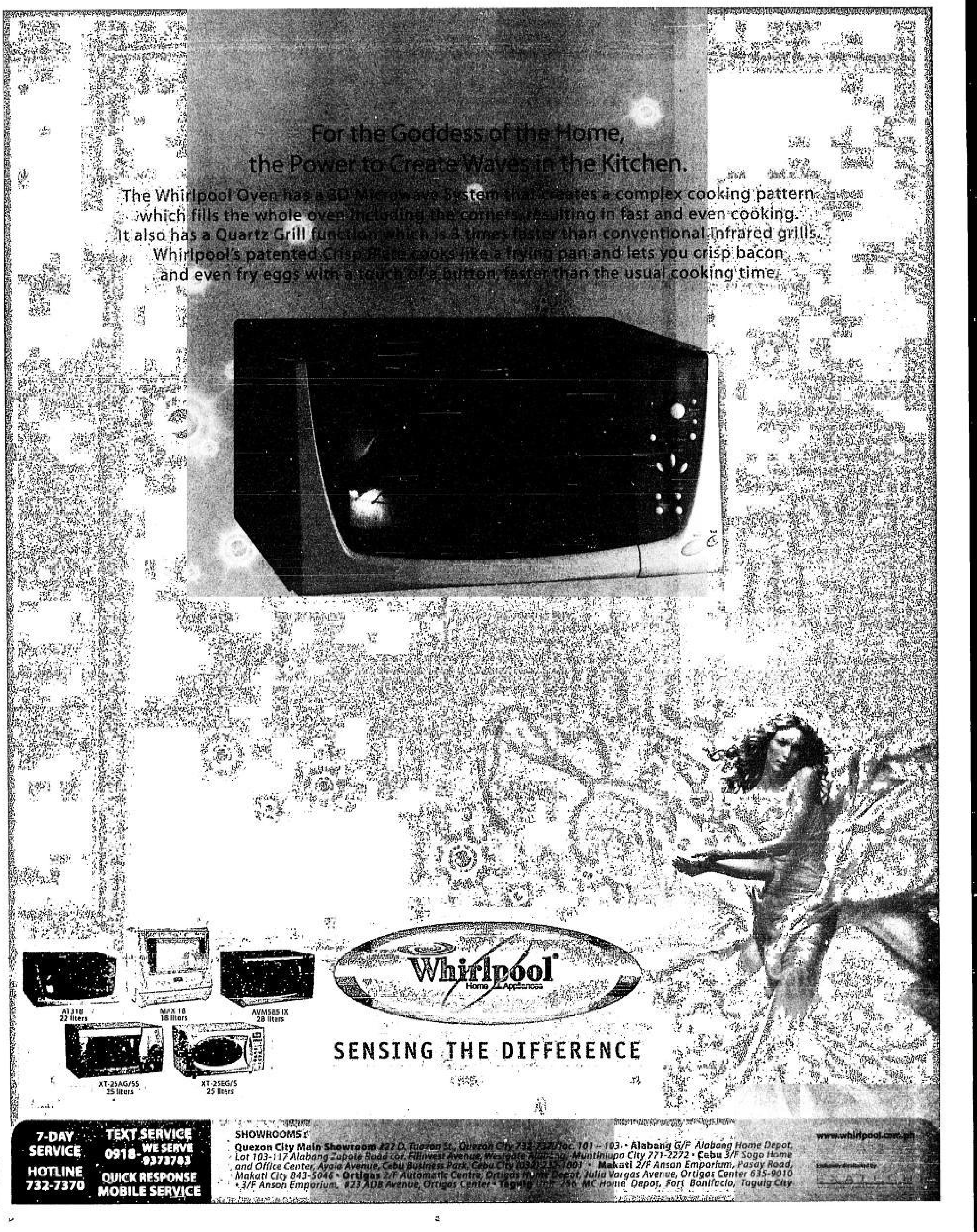

For the Goddess of the Home,
the Power to Create Waves in the Kitchen.

The Whirlpool Oven has a 3D Microwave System that creates a complex cooking pattern which fills the whole oven including the corners resulting in fast and even cooking. It also has a Quartz Grill function which is 3 times faster than conventional infrared grills. Whirlpool's patented Crisp Plate cooks like a frying pan and lets you crisp bacon and even fry eggs with a touch of a button, faster than the usual cooking time.

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EXATECH

'There's nothing quite as tasteful as your own GE Monogram'

A TV STUDIO IN NEW YORK FOR MARTHA Stewart, the Trump World tower in New York City, a film stage in Atlanta for Alton Brown, why not?

Inspired by the seamless and polished perfection of GE Monogram integrated appliances, their kitchens are no put-on showcases but are essential bona fide work spaces, to make that powerful, compelling statement. The Monogram collection incorporates the best of both European and American design into a superior series of professional type free-standing and built-in appliances in refrigeration and cooking products.

The new Monogram Trivection wall oven lets you enjoy food prepared to a delectable perfection in up to five times faster than a conventional oven. Its remarkable versatility uses a trio of processes with its thermal, convection, and microwave cooking-to bake, broil, roast, warm, and proof food. All the good things the hit daytime TV show "Martha" shares with millions of viewers.

Impressively installed in the 90th floor New York penthouse of the tallest residential building in the world is Donald Trump's Wine Reserve with privacy glass, worthy of his most revered labels. It has an innovative liquid crystal technology that allows you to turn glass from opaque to clear with a simple press of a button, while allowing a range of precise temperature settings ideal and essential for wine storage.

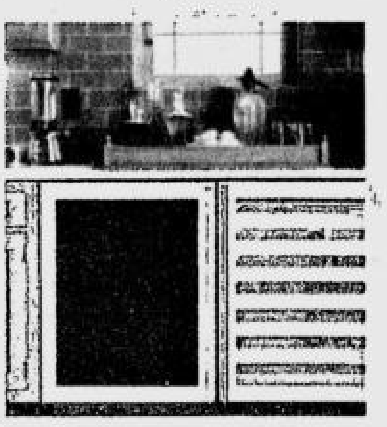
Conveying a sense of solidity and beauty, the Monogram 72" built-in Bottom-freezer refrigerator has an advanced temperature Management System with multi-Shelf Air Tower to evenly distribute air throughout the refrigerator. Upfront electronic controls with digital readout also allow precise temperature settings to fit perfectly the scientist, chef, and entertainer Alton Brown's love of cooking with science.

So what do Monogram users have to say about the choices they made? "There's nothing quite as tasteful as having your own Monogram."

For more information, visit or call the GE Monogram Experience Centre at Serendra (856-2518) or the Shangri-La showroom (631-8282). Log on to www.cyaindustries.com.

SUCH a pleasure to prepare! Watch Martha Stewart make tasteful meals with Monogram electronic wall ovens with Trivection technology.

THE 72" professional bottom-freezer refrigerator's stainless exterior, tubular handles and chamfered, hand-finished edges make it a perfect pick for Alton Brown's huge scientific kitchen.



THE Monogram wine reserve with privacy glass lets Trump readily enjoy his favorite varietals and finest wines in style at the convenience of his own private retreat.

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Introducing GE CustomStyle™, side-by-side refs that's big on size and style and huge on function.

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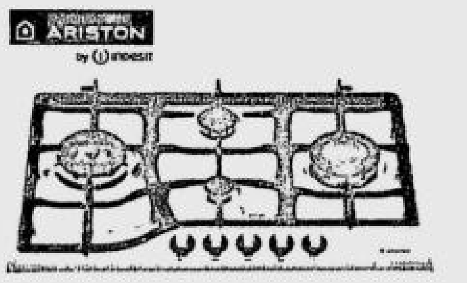
Scratch-resistant feature measures up to streamlined kitchen details

IMAGINE HAVING THE KITCHEN OF your dreams finally come true. No limits, total freedom in design, tailored to match your personal style and creative yearning, to your home's "landmark" - the kitchen. It's not just a matter of aesthetics and sophistication. More than that, it's definitely an investment that should last. But have you ever wondered how to keep it pristine and at the same time functional? That means, to actually use it and, at the same time, care for it?

That is why Ariston by Indesit, supporter of incomparable evolution in design and technological solutions, presents cooktops that are scratch-resistant. Although scratches are hard to avoid due to constant use and accidents, the unique textured, hardwearing stainless steel finish makes Ariston resistant to "everyday" scratches otherwise common in ordinary stainless. It's even resistant to smudges caused by greasy fingerprints, an innovative feature exclusive to Ariston. It lets you have the perfect balance between performance and your evolving needs as a user. See for yourself this revolutionary feature, now available in models PH750 RT (AX) GH, PF 760 AS (AX), and PH 640 MST (AX). So you spend less time worrying and more time enjoying your kitchen experience.

See the new anti-scratch cooktop only from Ariston by Indesit at its showroom at 2/L Serendra, Bonifacio High Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City (856-2518), 4th level Shangri-La Plaza Mall (631-8282), and MC Home Depot Fort Bonifacio (815-8875). Ariston appliances are also available at all leading appliance stores.



SCRATCH-resistant cooktops are exclusive from Ariston; Italian-built that stays scratch-free even when the cooking gets rough. Ariston is manufactured by Indesit Company, Italy's leading appliance manufacturer.

Maintenance, aesthetics from a 30-year veteran

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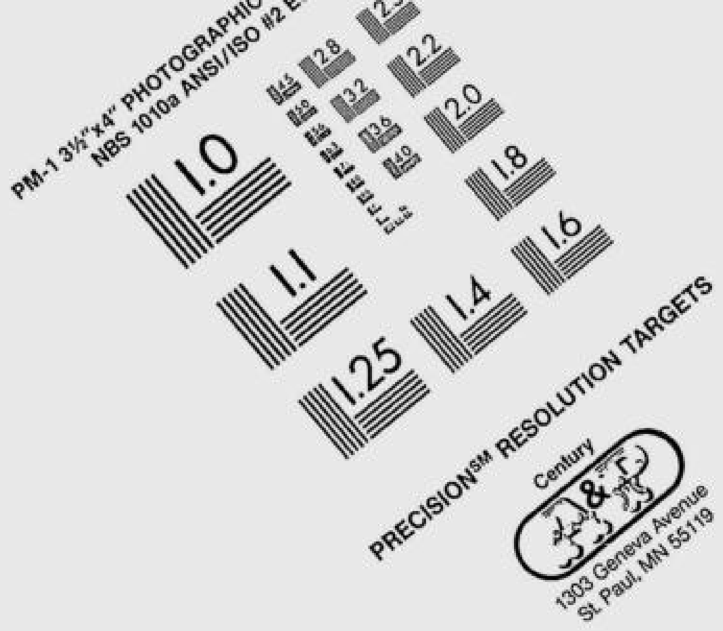
Maintaining the same level of service and care, Wilcon continues to offer comfort and convenience to its customers by still providing cool air-conditioned stores and helpful personnel to assist in any needs that may arise. Aside from this, all depots (Alabang, Balintawak, Libis and Pasong Tamo) house a coffee shop where architects, contractors or the homeowner can conduct discussions or simply take a break.

Today, the company continues to offer innovation and quality products through both companies: Wilcon Builders' Supply and Wilcon Builders' Depot.

Wilcon recognized by DTI

This April 17, the Department of Trade and Industry awarded Wilcon the Silver Seal "Certified Establishment" official approval, subtitled "Upholding Consumer Rights and Ethical Business Practice."

Being the only hardware store in the country to get the official government recognition thus far, Wilcon successfully met DTI's stringent requirements. Some of these requirements are: Compliance to all Fair Trade Laws (e.g., Consumer Act, Price Act, Price Tag Law, PS/ICC Laws); management of effective and efficient customer relations (consumer welfare desk and resolution of complaint policies); administration of social commitment programs.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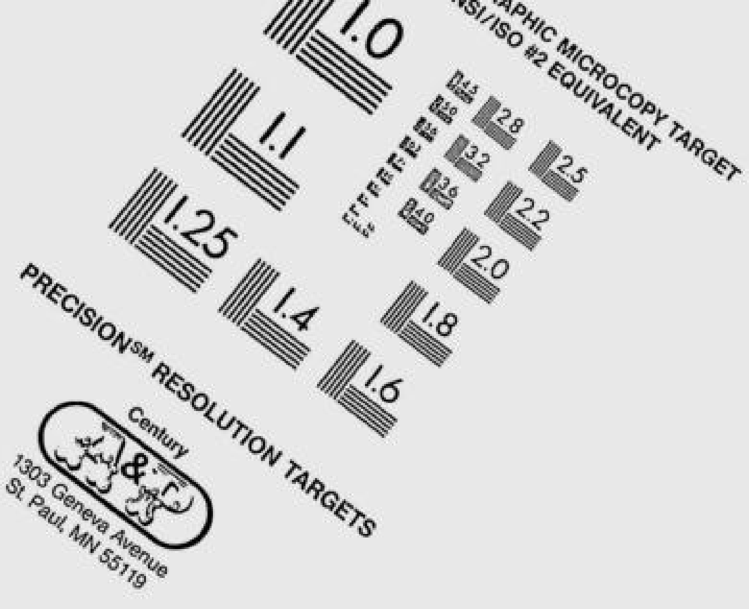
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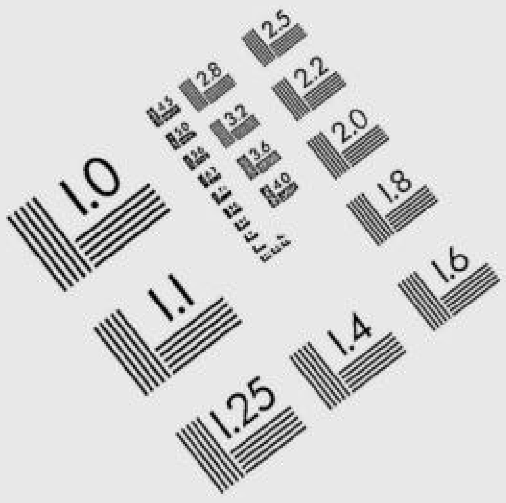
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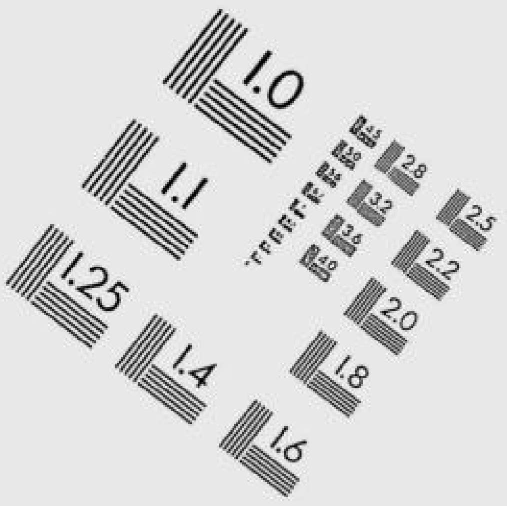
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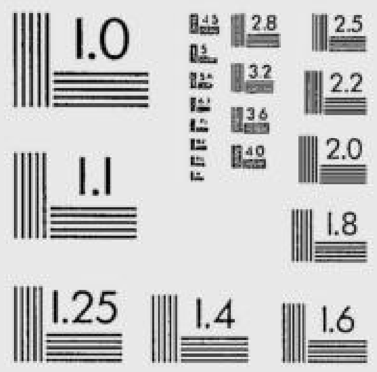
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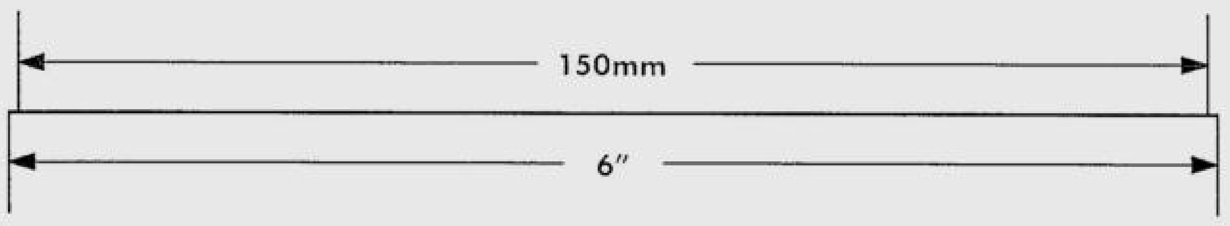

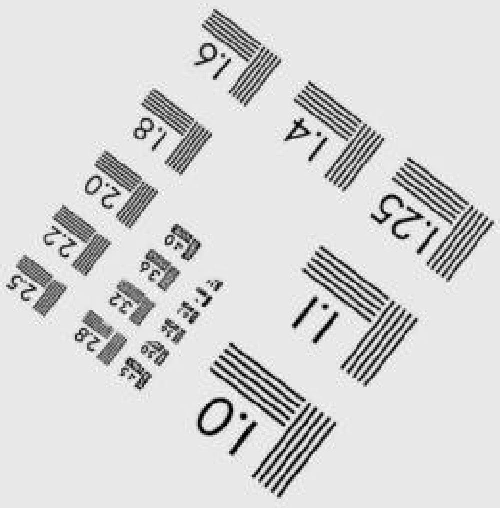
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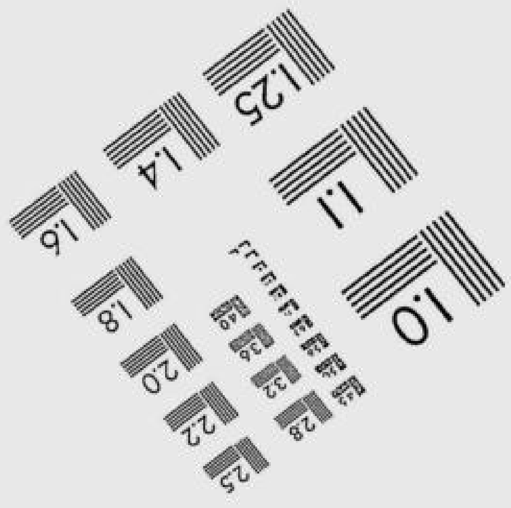
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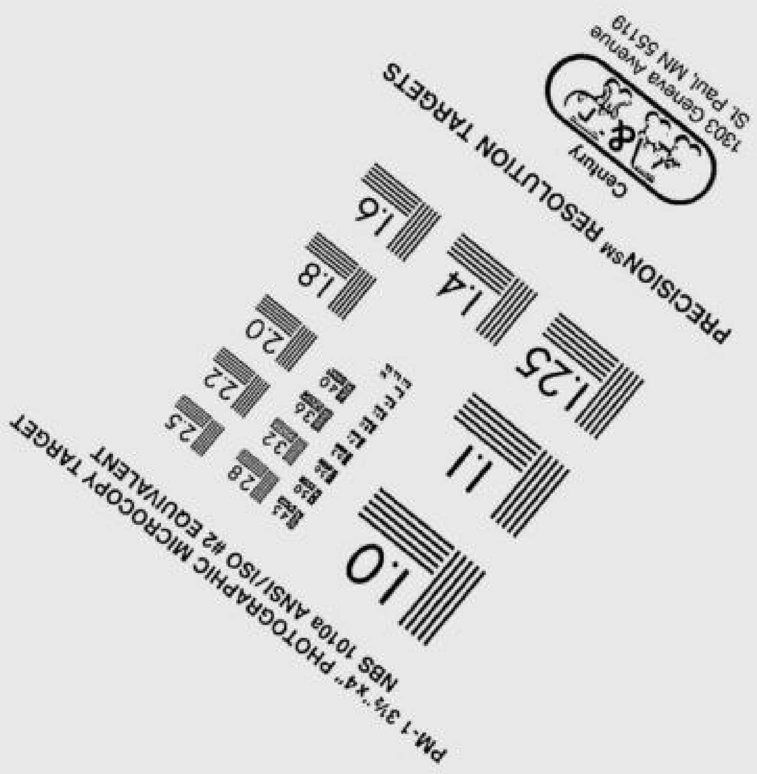
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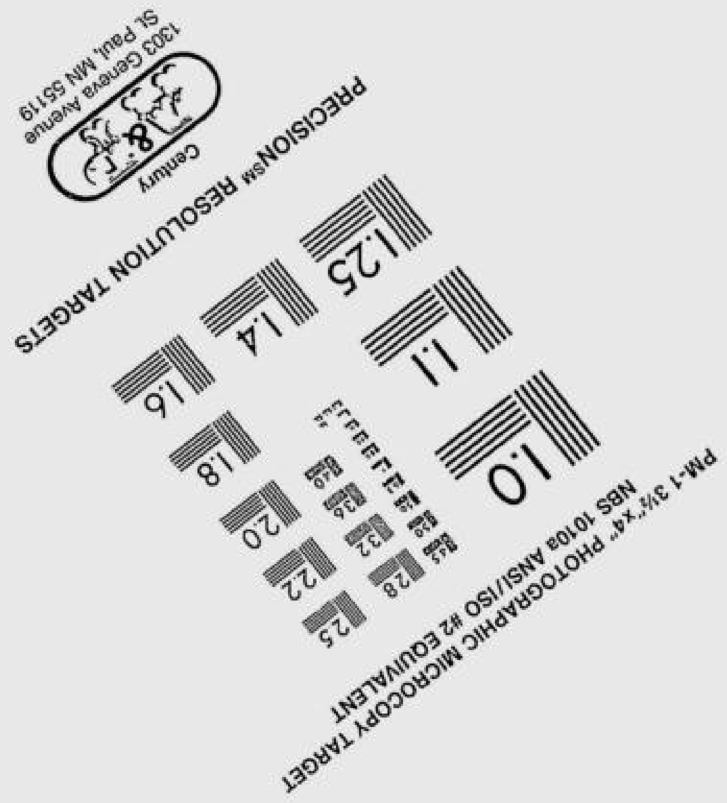
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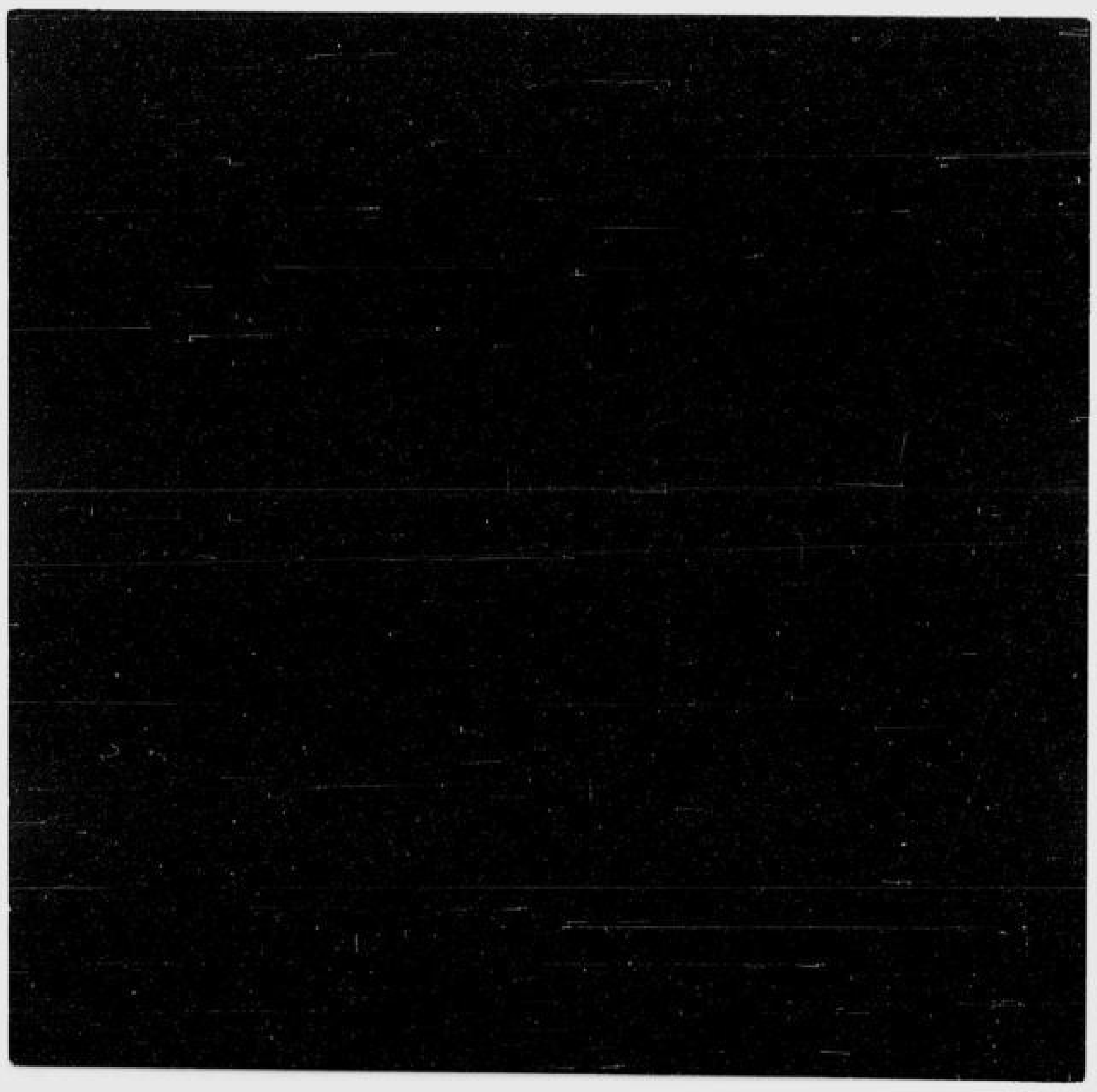

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